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Diamondhead man follows his father's footsteps into the military, Hurricane Hunters.

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The Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce Harbor Nights is today, 5-7 p.m., at Volare's, 113 East Scenic Drive, hosted by Coldwell Banker-Alfonso Realty and Volare's.

StingRays play benefit game

The Gulf Coast StingRays will play the Georgia Rage in a benefit game for Hancock Youth Football this Saturday, 7 p.m., at Hancock North Central field. Call 467-8166.

Dixie girls still have trophies

Any girl who played in the Bay St. Louis dixie Youth Girls softball league and has not received her trophy, please check with your manager or call 463-7135.

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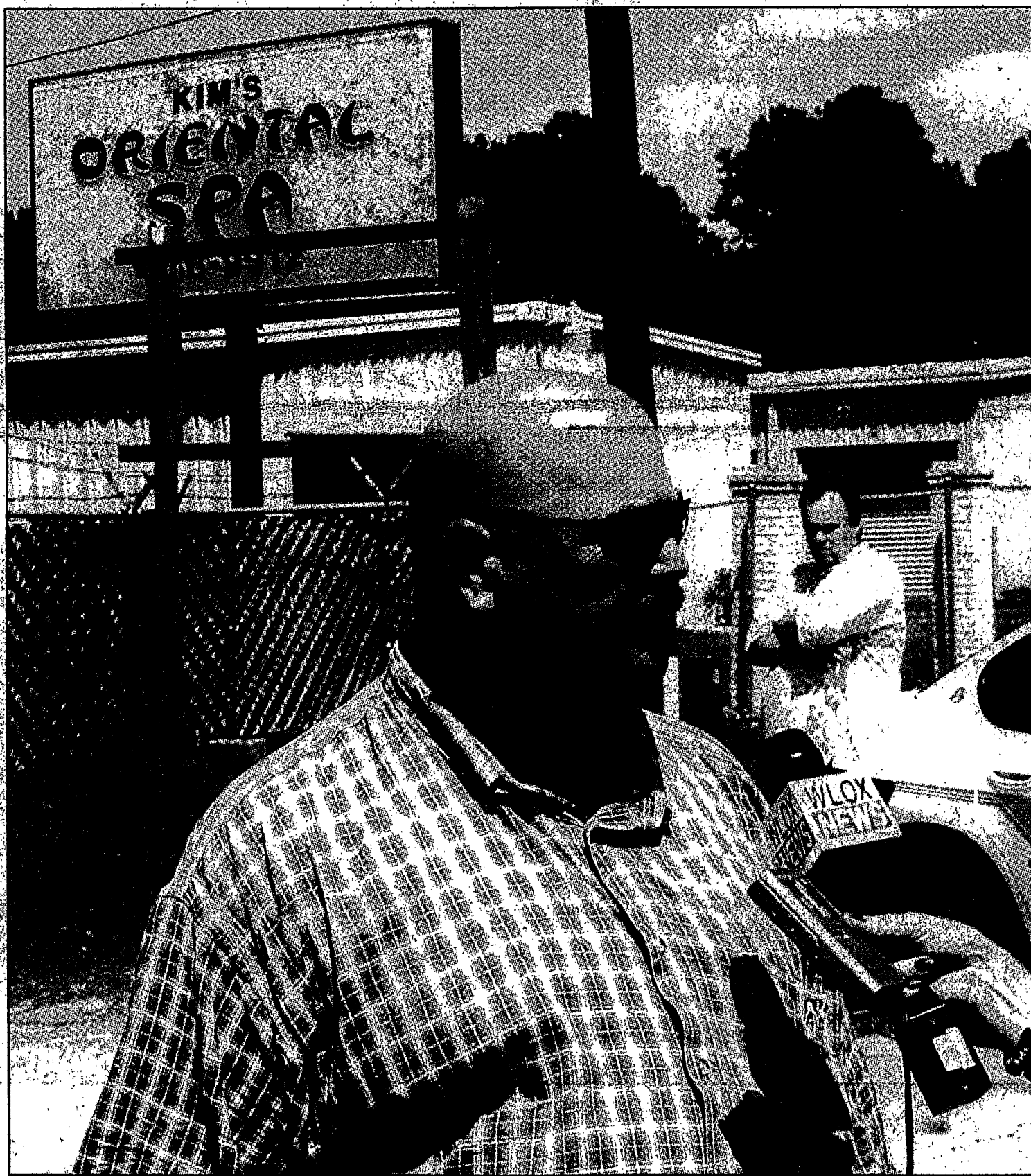
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Double Homicide

Waveland police still searching for killer of
Kim's Health Spa-owner, son



Waveland Police Chief James A. Varnell issues a statement Monday outside Kim's Health Spa after business owner Hwan Suk Kim and her son Joon H. Kim were found inside. They had been shot to death.

New Orleans police contact to help translate, canvass Asian community

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Officers of the Waveland Police Department — perhaps with a little assistance from the New Orleans P.D. community relations department — are still searching for answers in the shooting deaths of Kim's Health Spa-owner Hwan Suk Kim and her son Joon H. Kim.

Waveland Police Chief James A. Varnell said at the scene Monday that the Kims' bodies were found at the spa at 940 Hwy. 90 at around 9:41 that morning by police officers after the owner of the property had been unable to reach the two.



Hwan Suk Kim



Joon H. Kim

was 54 years old; her son, 35. "Right now, the cause of death appears to be a single gunshot wound to the head" of each victim, Varnell said. That finding was con-



Forensic pathologist Dr. Paul McGarry leaves the crime scene Monday en route to a formal autopsy of the victims.

Hwan Suk Kim firmed later in the day by forensic pathologist Dr. Paul McGarry, who autopsied the Kims.

It is still unclear exactly when the

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Supers consider \$29.4M budget

Up nearly \$3M from last
year; raises not included

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 shows a nine percent increase in spending, but the money will come from funds already secured.

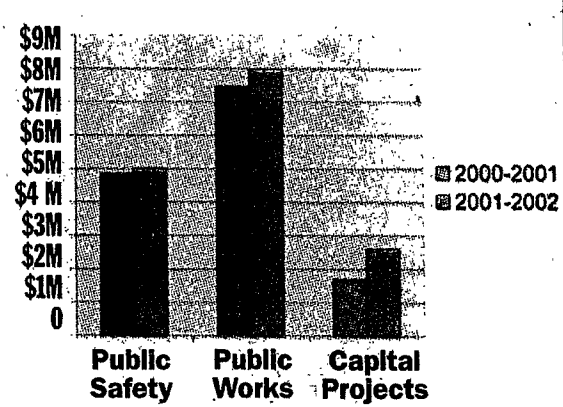
The Board of Supervisors plans a public hearing on the budget at the county courthouse in downtown Bay St. Louis at 10 a.m. Sept. 4, and — barring any unforeseen circumstances — the spending plan will be adopted the same day.

Supervisors have already informed the county's workforce the budget includes no raises for full-time or part-time employees. The board told employees it will "revisit" the issue sometime in January.

This week County Comptroller Patty Greer Hammons and County Administrator Tim

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Bd. of Supervisors Projected Spending



Source: Hancock County Board of Supervisors

Beach obstacles to be tackled 'case-by-case'

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The county plans to use "common sense and a case-by-case approach" before forcing some South Beach Boulevard residents to relocate obstacles in the county right-of-way.

That's the word this week from county attorney Gerald Gex, who was reacting to several questions posed to him by some 47 homeowners who have some kind of obstacles in the county's 60-foot right-of-way along the beach, and are facing an Aug. 31 deadline to remove them.

"If you have a tree or some kind of expensive plant in the way, we're not going to require you to move them at this time," said Gex. "We'll look at everything on a case-by-

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4-car pile-up at Waveland



Rescue personnel from the Waveland Fire Department and American Medical Response remove an injured man from a car wreck Monday on Hwy. 90 at Waveland, just across from the Circle K mini-mart. The accident occurred at about 12:42 p.m. According to a release issued by Waveland Police Chief James A. Varnell, "The driver of vehicle one, Raymond Norton, stated that he fell asleep at the wheel and rear-ended a vehicle driven by Mervin Vicknair. Vicknair stated that he was stopped for the red light when he was struck by Norton. Driver of vehicle 3, Clarence Verneuil, stated that he was stopped at the red light when the vehicle driven by Vicknair hit him in the rear, which drove Verneuil's vehicle into the fourth vehicle, driven by Catherine Calloutte, who was also stationary waiting for the red light. ... A total of five persons were transported to Hancock Medical Center by American Medical Response." Norton is a 75-year-old Waveland resident. Vicknair, a 77-year-old Bay St. Louis resident. Verma Vicknair was a passenger in his car. Verneuil, 62, is from Harvey, La. He was driving with passenger Rosemary Verneuil. Calloutte, 64, is from Lakeshore. She was carrying passenger Edward Breaux Jr. The names of those injured in the accident have not yet been released.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Lighthouse collection on display at Kiln Library

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
The lighthouse collection, owned by Jesse Crain, is now on display at the Kiln Public Library. The display will run through the month of August. The collection includes musical lighthouses, garden hose holders, stepping stones, lamps, posters, puzzles and much more. Crain is a biology and chemistry teacher at Hahnville High School in Luling, La. He has been collecting lighthouses for the past three years. For more information on the display, call the library at 255-1724.

Macedonia Church to celebrate 38 years

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Waveland will be having its 38th anniversary. Pre-singing will be Saturday, Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. with the Jackson and the Imperial and several other groups. Sunday, Aug. 26 at 3 p.m. the speaker will be the Rev. Allen Jenkins, pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

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Cochran, Lott announce \$15.3 million for rural development

Financial packages totaling \$15,304,192 have been approved for rural development projects in Mississippi. Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott announced.

The Rural Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved grants totaling \$4,070,985 to construct housing for agriculture, aquaculture and seafood processing workers.

These grants will be distributed in the following amounts: the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives will receive \$740,859; the South Delta Regional Housing Authority will receive \$1.5 million; Hollandale Economic Development Foundation will receive \$1.2 million; and Yazoo City will receive \$630,126. The agency approved \$450,000 for Lawrence County to establish a revolving loan fund and to provide technical assistance and equipment for American Apparels, Inc., \$533,900 for the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives for the construction of a sweet potato processing facility, \$299,899 for the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives to assist minority producers in the management, marketing and operation of new and startup cooperatives, and \$50,000 for the Recruitment and Training Program of Mississippi to establish entrepreneurial training programs.

Alcorn State University will receive \$149,398 to strengthen entrepreneurship and small business development in a five-county region of southwest Mississippi, including Adams, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson and Wilkinson counties.

The agency also approved a loan of \$9.75 million for Delta Pride Catfish, Inc. to renovate and expand the catfish processing facility which will save nearly 600 existing jobs and directly impact more than 1,600 other jobs in the Delta area. Delta Pride is a processing cooperative owned by area catfish farmers.

Cochran said, "I am pleased that this funding is being allocated for important rural development projects throughout our State which will improve business, provide assistance for workers, and positively impact communities."

"The USDA Rural Development Program is ideal for a state like Mississippi with many rural communities," Senator Lott said. "This particular funding is key to fostering entrepreneurial training and ensuring a sufficient workforce. As your Senator, I work with the USDA and other government entities, as well as the private sector, to guarantee Mississippi's future with the three keys to success in mind—education, transportation, and jobs."

Waveland Housing Authority earns 'Coordinator's Award'

The Waveland Housing Authority has received the Program Center Coordinator's Award for Outstanding Capital Fund Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

George C. Smith, Program Center coordinator, HUD Program Center, Office of Public Housing, Mississippi State Office, presented the award in Biloxi at the recent Mississippi Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Annual Conference.

Through the Capital Fund Program, grants are made to public housing authorities of public housing developments to finance capital improvements to their complexes.

The Waveland Housing Authority has used their capital funds in a complex program that included replacement of window screens and window sills, replacement of screen

doors, replacement of bathroom vanities, lavatories and faucets, and replacement of outside water valves.

Waveland Housing Authority has achieved their objectives by consistently following the bidding, contracting, requisitioning, and reporting procedures as outlined by the Department and by requiring that their vendors also adhere to HUD guidelines.

They have been designated as a high performer for modernization under the Public Housing Management Assessment Program.

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Hydrogen peroxide released at Stennis

At approximately 12:45 p.m., August 20, an incident occurred at the E-Complex testing area at the John C. Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, involving the portable hydrogen peroxide enrichment skid used to process commercial grade hydrogen peroxide to a fuel grade propellant.

After transfer of the chemical from a trailer at the loading station to a storage tank, a line ruptured at the site releasing hydrogen peroxide.

There were no injuries to Stennis Space Center personnel. NASA safety and environmental personnel have determined the hydrogen peroxide released into the atmosphere as a result of the rupture poses no threat to individuals, or the environment.

The E-Complex serves as a developmental component test facility for future generation rocket engines.

NASA managers are now investigating the incident to determine the cause of the transfer line rupture.

PRCC Alumni Fish Fry



Dr. William Lewis, president of Pearl River Community College, right, receives a PRCC cooking apron from Frank Ladner, president of the newly formed PRCC alumni association. The occasion was a fish fry benefit for scholarship funds held last week at the Civic Center. A PRCC cooking apron was also presented to Donna Wilson Lee, PRCC alumni executive director. Other officers of the Hancock alumni are, J. Larry Ladner, vice-president, and Frita Perniciaro Cameron, secretary-treasurer.

Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas

Hearing planned to consider trailer regulations

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

If you're planning to buy a mobile home and place it on a lot in Hancock County, there is good reason to attend a public hearing Thursday, Aug. 30.

The Hancock County Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing at the Civic Center on Longfellow Road beginning at 5:30 p.m. to consider several amendments to the county Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance regulating where trailer homes and mobile home parks can be located.

Last April, at the request of the planning commission, supervisors imposed a six-month ban on any more trailers coming into areas of the county zoned "R-2 Single Family Residential."

That effectively banned any more trailers in areas south of Washington and Chapman and Paradise Lane; Lugin and Central Avenue in Shoreline Park; Bayside Park and Clermont Harbor; one small area south of state Hwy. 603; another small area off 603 and Texas Flat Road; and in Heron Bay.

One amendment to be considered at the public hearing would ban trailers in those

areas forever.

A second amendment would eliminate Mobile Home Parks as a conditional use in districts zoned "R-2A, Medium Density Residential."

This would affect Avenue A and B in Shoreline Park and an area of Harbor Drive between Tombigbee and Hwy. 603.

Mobile Home Parks would be allowed as a conditional use in areas zoned "R-3, Multi-family Residential" and "C-1, Neighborhood Commercial." This involves a small area off Harbor Drive and Hwy. 90 and the White Cypress community north of Kiln, portions of Pearlington, Lakeshore and Lower Bay roads and the Kiln-Waveland Cutoff road.

This would require a public hearing before the planning commission, then concurrence by the Board of Supervisors.

Mobile home parks would be allowed "by right" in areas zoned "C-2, Highway Commercial" districts. The area involved runs down Hwy. 90 from the Waveland city limits to the NASA buffer zone, and all along 603 to just past Kiln.

No public hearing would be required in these areas for a mobile home park, but developers would still need a permit

from the health department on plans for sewerage treatment and disposal.

Other amendments to be considered at the public hearing would allow nurseries and

greenhouses as a conditional use in "A-1, Agricultural" districts and allow mini-warehouses as a conditional use in A-1 districts.

The amendments, if adopted,

BAYS schedules registration

Bay Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) announces registration for the 2001-02 soccer league. Registration will be at the following locations:

- Saturday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Street United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street, Bay St. Louis (corner of Main and Second streets). Please use the double red doors opening to Second Street.
- Saturday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Diamondhead East Recreation Center

- Sunday, Aug. 26, 1-4 p.m., Bay Catholic Elementary School cafeteria, 301 Second Street, Bay St. Louis.

- BAYS Board of Directors needs a secretary, a registrar trainee, commissioners, and referees. Please nominate interested persons by calling Steve Bretzel at 466-2616. Call 466-2616 or 466-2637.

BAYS U-15 Boys Select tryouts

BAYS U-15 Boys Select tryouts will be today, Aug. 23, and Friday, Aug. 24, 7-8 p.m. at the Scott Demboski Soccer Complex on Longfellow Road.

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For information, call 467-5321 or 466-9140.



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murders occurred, although a family friend said Tuesday that he had spoken with Hwan Suk Kim last week by telephone.

"They actually were very good people," Covey said at the scene.

There was no apparent motive, Varnell said, although Hwan Suk Kim was rumored to keep large amounts of cash at the spa.

Also responding to the scene Monday were Hancock County Coroner Norma Stiglet, Assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt and the Mississippi Crime Lab's Crime Scene Response Team. As of yesterday, a Waveland P.D. patrol car was still stationed at the entrance to the spa to keep people off the property.

"We've never had any problem at this business ...," Varnell said. "It was back in the late 80s and early 90s, there were a

few arrests for prostitution, but since then, they've been clean that we know of."

Varnell said Wednesday that, while there is still no break in the case, the department may get a little help from the New Orleans police. A Waveland P.D. staffer's connection with an N.O.P.D. community relations employee led to a contact in the New Orleans Asian community, Varnell said.

"If anybody's out there bragging about it," he said, "we may hear about it." An N.O.P.D. employee who speaks Korean has also volunteered to translate some tapes of phone conversations found at the scene, he said.

Anyone with information about the crime is urged to contact Varnell or Detective James Goss at 467-3669.

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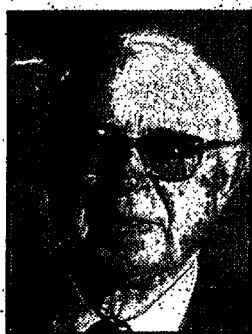
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Do not forget the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Expo beginning at 3 this afternoon.

This is the fourth annual Expo, and it will take place at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Road from 3 to 7 p.m.

Some 79 local businesses and industries will be displaying their products and services. The Expo is a project of the Chamber's Member Services Committee with Mickey Lagasse as chairman and Amy Corr, co-chair.

The committee has been working very hard (along with the chamber's staff) to make this Expo one of the best yet.

There will be door prizes, food and refreshments available. Admission is \$2 per person at the door. There is a \$1,000 grand prize drawing at 6:30 p.m., and the winner does not have to be present. To enter, one has to visit a minimum of 70 percent of the exhibitors' booths.

It so happens I was the lucky person to win the prize last year, and Jane heard about it before me. Needless to say, I had to give her a share. Some had told me I would be banned from entering this year, but really, I do not believe that.

I hope to see each and every one of you at the Expo this afternoon.

It is that time of the year once again for registration for the Bay Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) league.

Soccer is one of the most popular sports in our community, and the sport gives so many of our younger generation an opportunity to participate.

The foundation for the success of soccer in our schools can all be attributed to the BAYS league. Our high school teams have been very competitive statewide for the past several years.

Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, are the big registration days for the 2001-01 soccer season.

The registration locations are:

Saturday, Main Street

United Methodist Church, 162

Main St., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please use the Second Street double doors.

Saturday, Diamondhead East Recreation Area, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

And, Sunday, Bay Catholic Elementary School cafeteria, 1 to 4 p.m., 301 Second St., across from old Bay City Hall.

For further information, call Steve Brettel, 466-2616, or Kevin Headley, 466-2637.

On Monday morning, Arleen Sauzer, president of the Hancock County Food Pantry visited to tell me the demands have doubled in recent months.

Everyone who works at the Food Pantry is a volunteer. Altogether there are some 50 volunteers from area churches who help make the Pantry function.

To give you an idea of the demands at the Food Pantry, in June Postal Service carriers collected some 230 banana boxes of food from their customers in the Bay-Waveland and Hancock County area.

Mrs. Sauzer said by the end of July all of that food had been distributed to deserving folks.

The Food Pantry receives funding from the United Way of South Mississippi, churches, organizations, businesses, industries and individuals. Schools, Scouts, etc., also do some food drives in addition to the mail carriers.

Mrs. Sauzer and her husband George have been volunteers at the Pantry since it began in 1986. George collects food items from merchants and the USDA Twelve Baskets.

If you are able and can help, the address is the Hancock County Food Pantry, 508 Ulman Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. The hours of the Pantry are from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The telephone number is 467-2790.

The fish fry benefit conducted Saturday by the newly formed Hancock County Pearl River Community College Alumni Association was a big success.

It just goes to show what can

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Re-drawing districts will have lasting effect

In my experience, every time the Legislature has to redraw Congressional districts, especially to eliminate one House seat, there has been accompanying fallout, sometimes long-lasting in its effect.

Consequently, we can expect no less after state lawmakers finally sit down to carve Mississippi's U.S. House districts down from five to four for the 2002 Congressional elections.

Even when the Legislature last redrew Congressional lines 10 years ago - with no loss of seats - there was spillover, almost imperceptible at the time, but apparent later.

Virtually unseen in 1991 was a subtle tradeoff between Republicans and certain key members of the legislative black caucus that made the 3rd and 4th Districts whiter (resulting in the GOP capturing both seats) in return for blacks get-

ting more winnable legislative seats the next year.

Also part of the tradeoff was that the 2nd Congressional district, where Mike Espy had been able to win with only a 52 per cent black population majority, was given a 65 per cent black majority, over Espy's objections. Espy gave up his seat a year later to become a member of the Clinton cabinet.

In blackening the 2nd District, lawmakers shifted gobs of white voters into the 3rd and 4th districts, enabling Republican Chip Pickering to succeed retiring Democrat Sonny Montgomery, and prompting then-Democrat Mike Parker in the 4th, to switch parties in 1995.

When Mississippi lost a House seat in 1992, and again in 1992, lawmakers in pairing-down Congressional districts did it in a meat-axe rather than with surgical strokes.

Remember, both happened before Mississippi was subject to a one-man-one-vote, proportional representation mandate.

The 1992 redistricting eliminated cantankerous old John Rankin, the least-liked congressman at the time, whose vociferous racial views also had been an embarrassment. The remapping tossed Rankin in with a younger incumbent Congressman, Thomas G. Abernethy, and brought Rankin's defeat. But pro-Rankin legislators from the Northeast end of the state didn't take the obvious gutting of Rankin's voter base lightly, and they vowed revenge.

Angry small, rural counties ganged up on the bigger counties, revising the formula for distributing state gasoline taxes to favor rural counties with smaller populations. Significantly, that rural-tilted gas tax formula is still in effect.

The 1992 redrawing Congressional districts, when the state last lost a seat still ranks as one of the most notorious gerrymanderings ever done

in America, and done with political vengeance.

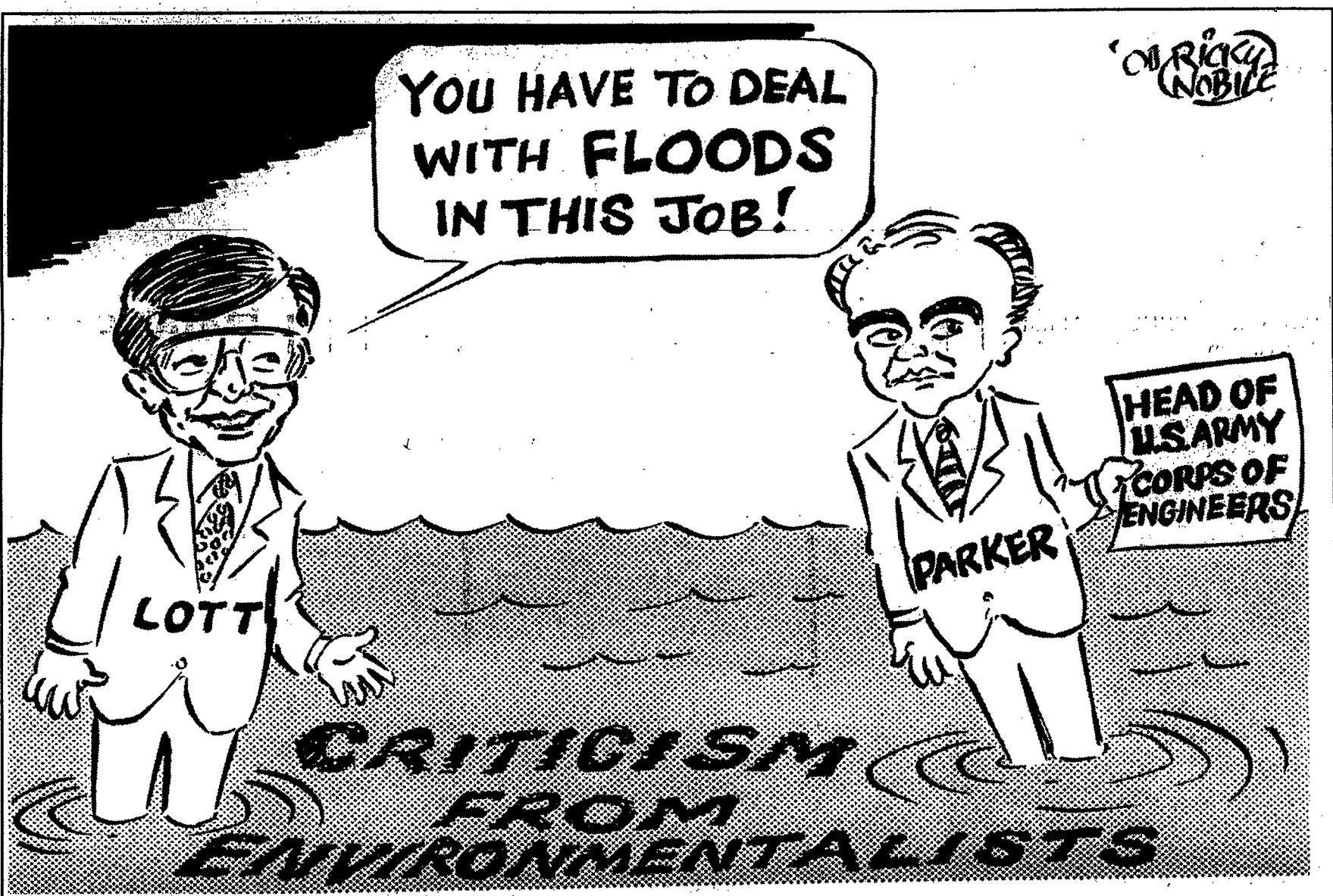
Ross Barnett was then sitting in Mississippi's governor's chair, John F. Kennedy was the occupant of the White House, and the segregationist Citizens' Councils were a powerful political force in Mississippi.

Barnett, in league with the Citizens' Councils did everything they could in 1960 to block Kennedy's election with an unpledged electoral slate, and urging other Southern states to do the same. They failed. But any political figure in Mississippi known to have supported Kennedy became a target for political retribution.

High on the list of those targeted was U.S. Rep. Frank E. Smith of Greenwood, representing the Delta 3rd District, whom Barnett accused of being a notorious Kennedyite. Hadn't he ridden the "LBJ Special" when the campaign train rolled across South Mississippi in the fall of 1960?

Picking off every Democrat

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Zoning rules should be equally enforced for all

To the Editor:

I attended the supervisors meeting at which Mr. Boudin withdrew his planned subdivision. This did not surprise me.

I have lived across Harbor Drive from Mr. Boudin's operations from the beginning.

In 1989 it was a pond, then a lake, then dirt mining, then a subdivision. I feel it was always dirt mining going on under different names. I was very happy to see it come to an end.

However, I was disappointed the supervisors said he could continue to operate his other enterprises there.

All of these businesses came after the area was zoned residential, and none should be allowed.

I do not understand how the supervisors can enforce zoning rules against some people and not all.

It seems to me that the supervisors and the Zoning Board have supported Mr. Boudin's interests against the community's since the beginning.

Yours respectfully,
William J. Seymour
Hancock County

TECHNICALITIES

By Phil Bryant
State Auditor
COUNTIES

Q Should the Board of Supervisors enter into a written contract or agreement for the preservation of county records as authorized by Section 19-15-1?

A Yes. The amount of the contract and the duties to be performed should be specified in the contract.

The Board should also ensure that these duties are performed in accordance with the contract.

Q Can a human resource agency conduct fund-raising activities or accept donations to give to needy individuals screened according to state and federal grant guidelines?

A No. A human resource agency may not use solely private funds to accomplish the program of providing food and

clothing to needy residents, as there is no authority for a county board to donate food or clothes.

(Attorney General's opinion to Hyche dated June 22, 2001)

Q May an assistant district attorney also work and be compensated as a County Prosecutor?

A No. An individual cannot serve in the capacity of assistant district attorney and county prosecutor simultaneously. (Attorney General's opinion

to Waldrup dated June 1, 2001)

Q When must a municipality adopt its final budget and tax levy?

A By September 15. (§§21-35-5 and 21-33-45)

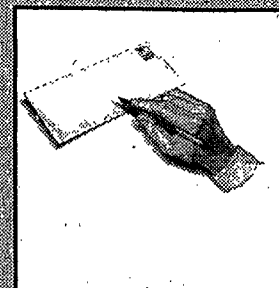
Q To what offices must the municipal clerk send certified copies of the tax levy?

A The State Tax Commission, State Auditor and other taxing districts (§21-3347). Also, the county tax collector if a tax collection contract exists. (§25-7-21).

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Eyes -- redistricting

who rode the LBJ Special became the favorite indoor sport of the Barnett/Citizen's Council forces the next few years, and they succeeded pretty well in doing just that.

The chance to take care of Frank Smith came in the 1962 congressional redistricting. Since the state was losing one seat, Smith was the sacrificial lamb.

Barnett's legislative backers made no attempt to redraw lines into five proportional districts (remember no federal mandate yet to do so). They simply combined Smith's entire Third District with Rep. Jamie Whitten's Northeast-north-central Second District.

It created a huge district, far out of line population-wise with other districts. The devil was in the details: Namely, Smith's district, though similar in total population with Whitten's, was far different in racial (and voter) makeup. Smith had great gobs of black constituents

who could not vote while Whitten had a white majority who could vote.

Smith made a fight of it when he and Whitten went head-to-head (in the Democratic primary, then tantamount to election), but the outcome was never in doubt. Consequently, Smith, a close friend of John F. Kennedy since 1952 when both were freshmen members of the U.S. House, was out of a job, and as it turned out, dead in Mississippi politics.

Ironically, rather than dealing a body blow to national Democrats, as Barnett's party-bolters thought Whitten's election would do, in a few years Whitten was voting for more liberal Democratic programs than Smith ever did.

Of course, under today's federal requirement that congressional districts must be nearly equal in population, the 1962 engrafting of one entire district on another, seems incredible.

But that doesn't mean that shape and constituency make-up this time isn't going to become an explosive topic at the Capitol.

As has been said in print, there are at least seven "plans" floating around on how a new redistricting map should look.

Focus naturally is on how the assured-black Second District held by Democrat Bennie Thompson will be redrawn, and an expected matchup that will pit Third District Republican Chip Pickering and Fourth District Ronnie Shows against each other.

Nearly 200,000 people must be added to Thompson's district, but it is a certain the district will become whiter, no longer having its 65 per cent black "super-majority."

DeSoto and Rankin counties, the two largest population gainers, both heavily white and heavily Republican, pose the biggest problem for lawmakers.

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be done by a group of dedicated folks working together toward a common goal.

Proceeds from the fish fry are to go towards scholarships for deserving students from Hancock County.

There was a great turnout of Hancock County PRCC alumni for the fish fry, and everyone seemed to really enjoy the event. It also gave them an opportunity of renewing old friendships.

Frank Ladner, PRCC Hancock Alumni president, reported they fried 13 boxes of catfish.

Ladner said the alumni really appreciated the door prizes donated by local merchants and the great assistance received from everyone.

J. Larry Ladner is vice-president, and Freda Cameron, secretary-treasurer of the Hancock PRCC Alumni Association.

We will be keeping you informed about further activities of the alumni group.

Chamber expo is today at 3 p.m.

The fourth annual Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business and Industry Expo is set for today, Thursday, Aug. 23, 3-7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center. Now in its fourth year, the expo has drawn hundreds of visitors both locally and out of state.

Tickets are available to the public for \$1 in advance or \$2 at the door.

Door prizes and refreshments will be available throughout the event, with a grand prize drawing of \$1,000 at 6:30 p.m.

To be eligible, a visitor must visit a minimum of 70 percent of the exhibitors' booths. Those entering the grand prize drawing do not have to be present to win.

Little Princess



Angel Montana Fernandez was crowned Little Miss Bay St. Louis in a recent beauty pageant.

Garcia is fire chiefs president

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Waveland Fire Chief David A. Garcia was elected President of the 4,100 member Mississippi Chiefs and Firefighters Association this summer at their 64th annual conference in Gulfport. He has been a member of the organization for the past 15 years.

"It was a surprise and a great honor," said Garcia.

Garcia said he would like to continue to work toward the challenges that face the fire ser-

vices in the state and would be calling a special meeting soon with the 18 member executive board to appoint committees and set the order of business.

Garcia was also elected unanimously as a lifetime member of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association, adding his name to the 14 other lifetime members of the 500 member group.

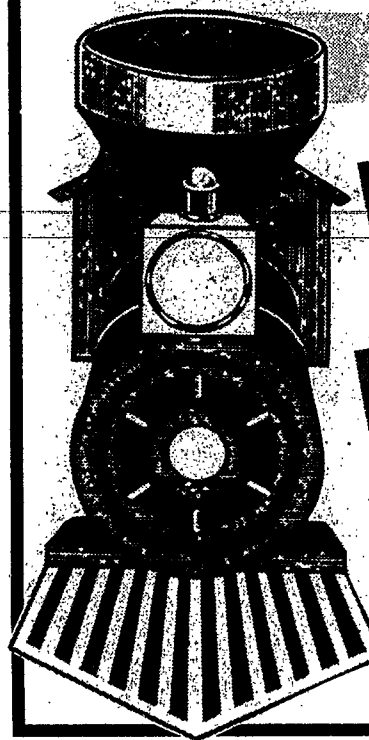
Garcia also expressed thanks to state and federal legislators for their support of improved legislation that allowed for death benefits for firefighters.

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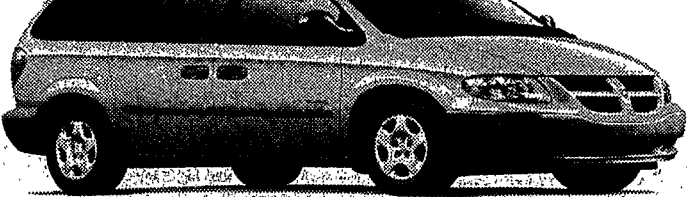
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Budget -- supervisors

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Kellar sat down to provide a preview of the spending plan.

This year's budget anticipates a 5.8 percent increase in property tax revenue due to new growth in Hancock County, but the nine percent spending increase will require no property tax increase, they said.

Projected spending for the coming year is \$29,450,000 compared to \$26,686,000 projected last year. Hammons said the county actually ended the year with a surplus of about \$500,000 in all general fund accounts based on actual revenue from millage. She said when the budget was adopted last year, it was estimated one mill would bring in \$240,000, but it actually brought in \$250,000.

However, Kellar cautioned the \$500,000 ending surplus is expected to be wiped out once the county projects the loss in property tax revenue due to the state legislature last year raising the homestead exemption from \$60,000 to \$75,000.

The major spending will go to beach renourishment, and the board already has set aside \$2.1 million from a previous bond issue for the project, Hammons said.

Another major capital project will be to renovate the historic downtown courthouse to make it accessible to the handicapped and elderly. Those improvements are expected to cost between \$525,000 and \$550,000. The board will use proceeds from a bond issue and interest the escrowed funds have earned since the bonds were issued several years ago, Hammons said.

Here are a few more highlights of the proposed budget:

- A total of \$75,000 has been placed in the sheriff's department budget, specifically for the purchase of new vehicles.

Sheriff Steve Garber wants to begin systematically replacing the fleet of 44 aging vehicles, some of which have mileage exceeding 200,000 miles.

Although the money is in the department's capital outlay budget, Hammons said, the board must still approve the purchase of the vehicles before

they are ordered or before bids are advertised.

Garber also asked for funds to hire two new deputies, but Hammons said no new positions are allotted.

Supervisors are still wrestling with how to fund the Narcotics Task Force. The NTF, made up of three deputies each from the Bay and Waveland police departments and the county, has projected spending \$75,000 to operate next year. However, Hammons said the agency has on hand about \$19,000, but there is approximately \$200,000 available in seized drug money, which is still to be allocated to drug task agencies operating in the three-county area.

- The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau was given \$30,000 this year, an increase of \$5,000 over last year's funding. Hammons said Commission Director Beth Carriere will be directed to use the extra \$5,000 to more aggressively market the Hancock County Equine and Livestock Arena.

- A total \$32,000 is set aside to allow the county tax assessor/collector to purchase two new sports utility vehicles.

Kellar said previously the appraisal work was contracted out, but Assessor Jimmie Ladner plans to use two members of his staff in an on-going effort to update appraisals in Hancock County. "They will more quickly pick up the new homes and the additions or modifications to present homes," said Kellar.

- The Parks and Recreation Department's budget next year will increase from \$165,000 to \$187,000. The Department maintains area ballparks and concession stands, community centers, and walking tracks.

- Like last year, supervisors allocated a lump sum appropriation of \$50,000 to the county-owned Hancock Medical Center. Kellar said the money can only be used for capital improvements at the main hospital.

- Supervisors have allocated \$10,000 this year for the Save Our Children program. A private and local bill passed in the

last session of the legislature allowed the board to contribute more to the non-profit agency that provides school tutoring and recreational activities for disadvantaged children.

- Dr. William Lewis, president of Pearl River Community College, had asked supervisors for \$65,000 more next year to help offset about \$200 million in lost state revenue, but supervisors kept the school's allotment what it was last year.

The college yearly gets proceeds from a levy of 1.63 mills, which goes for building maintenance of the Poplarville campus.

Last year, that appropriation brought in \$410,000. Another \$203,000 is allocated (the same as last year) to help pay off a bond issue used to build the nursing school.

- The budget also includes a \$6,000 one-time expenditure to inventory the county's property, Hammons said.

Supervisors will contract with a professional firm from Atlanta, which will inventory vehicles, roads, bridges, buildings and county furniture and office equipment, Hammons

said.

Kellar said besides the expected loss due to the raise in the homestead exemption, a number of other issues may affect whether county employees will get a raise in January.

"We're under a state mandate to redraw district boundary lines based on the recent census," said Kellar. "We don't know how much that is going to cost."

Kellar said supervisors have also instructed him to look at the salaries being paid all department heads.

"We want to look at counties with comparable valuations and comparable population, and see what their department heads are being paid," said Kellar.

He said he planned to have recommendations on all raises for employees sometime next January.

Last year, supervisors gave an across-the-board raise of 50 cents-an-hour to approximately 220 full-time employees and 25 cents-an-hour to the 130 part-time workers. The total cost of the raises amounted to about \$300,000.

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case basis."

Roland Hymel, who lives at 711 S. Beach Boulevard, called the Echo, wondering about the fate of his flower bed, which he said partially encroaches on the county right-of-way.

He said he has already agreed to remove a large enclosed mailbox in front of his property.

He said some years ago Waveland launched a beach beautification program and urged beachfront property owners to plant flowers and

shrubs.

"I talked to (District 1) Supervisor Jeep Ladner before I put the bed in and an expensive sprinkling system," he said. He said more recently he asked Ladner to have Gex put something in writing to property owners regarding live plants or other obstacles.

"Why doesn't the board come up with some kind of written policy rather than a pick and choose-type situation? It's going to create some real problems," Hymel predicted.

Hillyer House honored

Hillyer House has been nominated in an annual national craft retailers award program to choose the Top Retailer of American Craft.

The awards program is held in conjunction with the Philadelphia Buyers Market of American Craft, a trade show at which artists exhibit their original designs in production and limited-edition work to craft

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Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup set for Sept. 15

Volunteers in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties are needed for the 13th annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup to be held from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup.

To pre-register call 467-9048 in Hancock County; 374-5022 Ext. 5063 in Harrison County; 219-2850 in Jackson County; 875-9057 for the Barrier Islands (requires boat); and 475-7047 for the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

For more information call the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Info Line at 1-877-9 CLEAN 5 or visit the official MS Coastal Cleanup web site at www.masgc.org/cleanup.htm and download a registration form. Volunteers under age 21 must have parents sign registration form.

Zone captains will be at each site to direct volunteers and supply them with trash bags, data cards, pencils, safety gloves, bottled water courtesy of Sprint PCS, and a FREE fanny pack provided by Chevron Pascagoula Refinery.

Following the cleanup, volunteers must show their fanny

pack as a pass for a FREE lunch of hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, potato chips and Coca-Cola products at Outback Steakhouse in Gulfport between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. only the day of the event. Last year, Outback served a free lunch to more than 1,000 participants in two hours.

Volunteers will pick up marine debris at 48 designated coastal cleanup sites (zones) in all three counties and the barrier islands. Designated cleanup areas are as follows:

* Hancock County - Heron Bay Road, Lakeshore, Clermont Harbor, Waveland, Lazy River Road, Bay St. Louis, McLeod Park, and Jourdan River south of I-10.

* Harrison County - Pass Christian Harbor, Long Beach Harbor, Gulfport Harbor, Biloxi Back Bay including Keegan Bayou and Goat Island, D'Iberville marina under I-110, Fountain Pier, Deer Island, Point Cadet and U.S. 90 beach areas at Courthouse Road, the Coast Coliseum, and Biloxi Lighthouse.

* Jackson County - Fort Bayou Estates boat launch, Ocean Springs fishing pier, Front Beach, East Beach, Davis Bayou, Gulf Park Estates pier,

Belle Fontaine Beach, Graveline Bayou pier and launch, Gautier City Park, Pine Island (West Pascagoula River), I-10 boat launch, Riverfront Park, Old Spanish Fort, Pascagoula River Park, Pascagoula Beach Point, Pascagoula Beach Park, Round Island, Graveline Road Bridge area, Bluff Creek boat launch, Boh Bros. construction site, River Road and Chicot Road Lakeside, and Roy Cumbest bridge.

* Barrier Islands - Horn, Sand, Petit Bois, East and West Ship

islands. (alternative sites for volunteers in the event of a small craft advisory) Gulfport Harbor and Courthouse Road.

* Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve - Volunteers are encouraged to bring their kayak or canoe.

Mississippi's Coastal Cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest cleanup effort on behalf of the marine environment. In 2000, the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup drew more than 2,900 volunteers who collected more than 68,000 pounds of trash.

The Mississippi Coastal

Cleanup is sponsored by the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force, made up of representatives from Cellular South; Chevron Pascagoula Refinery; Collins & Associates of Biloxi; Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; Gulf Islands Conservancy; Gulf Islands National Seashore; Gulf of Mexico Program Partnership; Hancock County Chamber of Commerce;

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Preparations begin for coastal cleanup

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee is urging all citizens to participate in the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 15.

The Hancock County cleanup is in conjunction with the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force. Lauren Thompson, public relations director, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, serves as chairman.

The Sept. 15 cleanup is part of a coastal, national and international cleanup that attacks litter in all types of waterways, such as oceans, rivers, lakes, barrier islands, bayous, canals, etc.

In Hancock County, the Chamber of Commerce is now

taking registrations for assignments along Beach Boulevard and other areas. To become a volunteer, call the chamber at 467-9048.

Cleanup supplies, such as rubber gloves, trash bags, data cards, etc., will be available at the chamber's office prior to the cleanup day.

Scouts, student organizations, community associations, churches, civic groups, families, etc., are all invited to participate.

Two community associations, Garden Isle Community Association and the Ansley-Heron Bay Civic Association, are already committed to participate in the cleanup.

The cleanup in Hancock will take place between 8 a.m. and noon. The chamber's office will be open at 7 a.m. for supplies to be

picked up and for late registrations.

Beginning at 11 a.m., Congressman Gene Taylor with the assistance of Chris Lagarde, will provide hot dogs and refreshments for volunteers under the large oak at the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Washington Street, Bay St. Louis.

This will mark the 13th annual Coastal Cleanup.

Hancock County's first 'Clean Our Beach Day' was conducted Feb. 22, 1988. It was sponsored by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, Chamber of Commerce, Extension Service and Sand Beach Advisory Committee.

The Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force reported there were some 2,940 volun-

teers in the three coastal counties that collected some 2,740 large bags of debris on cleanup day 2000. This was even with the threat of Tropical Storm Gordon.

Hancock County members of the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force include Betsy Ashman, Hancock Insurance Agency; Darlene Underwood; Carleen Moran; Ellis C. Cuevas, the Sea Coast Echo; and Chris Lagarde, Congressman Gene Taylor's office.

Cuevas is the chamber's beautification committee chairman and Ashman, vice-chairman.

Disaster loan application deadline is Monday

Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone County homeowners, renters, and business owners affected by Tropical Storm Allison have little time left to turn-in their SBA disaster loan applications. The application deadline is August 27, according to SBA Disaster Area Director Michael C. Allen.

Allen said, "If you think you're going to get everything you need from your insurance settlement to repair your damaged home or business, you may be in for a surprise.

"Insurance seldom covers all the costs associated with repairing damages caused by a disaster. I don't want anyone to miss out on the additional help SBA can provide through our low-interest disaster loan program."

"Take out a little extra insurance by turning in your completed SBA disaster loan application. That way you're covered when your insurance settlement is not enough to meet your disaster-related needs. If it

turns out you don't need the loan, then you can cancel it. The only cost to you is the time it took to complete your application," Allen added.

To date, SBA has approved \$1.6 million in low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, and business owners. Of that total, \$1.4 million has gone to those in Harrison County, followed by \$92,300 for Jackson County, \$82,400 for Pearl River County and \$51,100 for those in Hancock County.

Allen expressed his thanks to Harrison County for providing space for SBA's temporary disaster assistance office at the Harrison County Courthouse. The office was open from July 2 through August 9.

Applications and program information remain available by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-359-2227. These telephones are answered Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Applications will not be accepted after the August 27 deadline, Central.

State Marine Patrol officers rescue boaters in Louisiana

State Marine Patrol officers rescued two Sandy Hook fishermen Saturday, August 11, whose boat had sunk near Grassy Island off Heron Bay in Louisiana.

Lt. Claude Pittmann and Cpl. Mike Yonce responded to the call in Louisiana waters when it became apparent that neither the U.S. Coast Guard nor the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries were available.

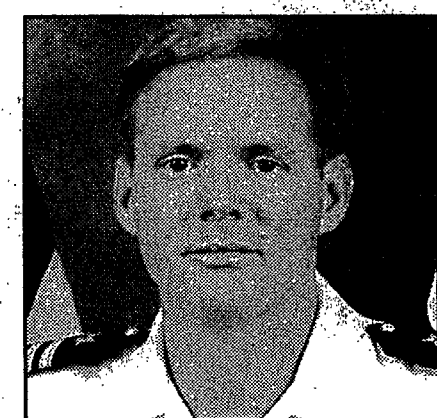
"Normally we don't respond to calls in Louisiana, but this was an emergency situation," said Capt. George Wright Sr., district manager of the State Marine Patrol, a division of the Department of Marine Resources.

When the State Marine Patrol officers arrived on the scene, only the bow of the

sunken boat was visible. Jason Thomas, 48, and Keith Thomas, 25, were not injured and were wearing life jackets at the time of the incident.

They had been picked up by a passing boater moments before the officers arrived on the scene.

The two fishermen and their boat were transported by State Marine Patrol to LaFrance Fishing Camp & Marina in Bay St. Louis.



Paul Treutel

Treutel promoted to commander

Paul J. Treutel, a native of Bay Saint Louis, has been promoted to the rank of Commander, US Navy. David A. Treutel, Sr., Commander, USNR (retired), administered the oath of office at a promotion ceremony held recently in Jacksonville, Fla.

Treutel is currently executive officer of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in Jacksonville.

During his more than 16 years with the Navy, Treutel has served as a space and electronics warfare officer in such positions as space surveillance crew commander for NORAD, fleet command and control watch officer for the Pacific Fleet in Hawaii, officer-in-charge of a ballistic missile early warning detachment in Australia and project manager for allied naval systems at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and he holds a master of science degree in information systems from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Commander Treutel is a 1978 graduate of St. Stanislaus and is the son of David and Pennie Treutel of Bay St. Louis. He is married to the former Jill Tisdale of Biloxi, and they have three children, Jennings, Grace and Liam.



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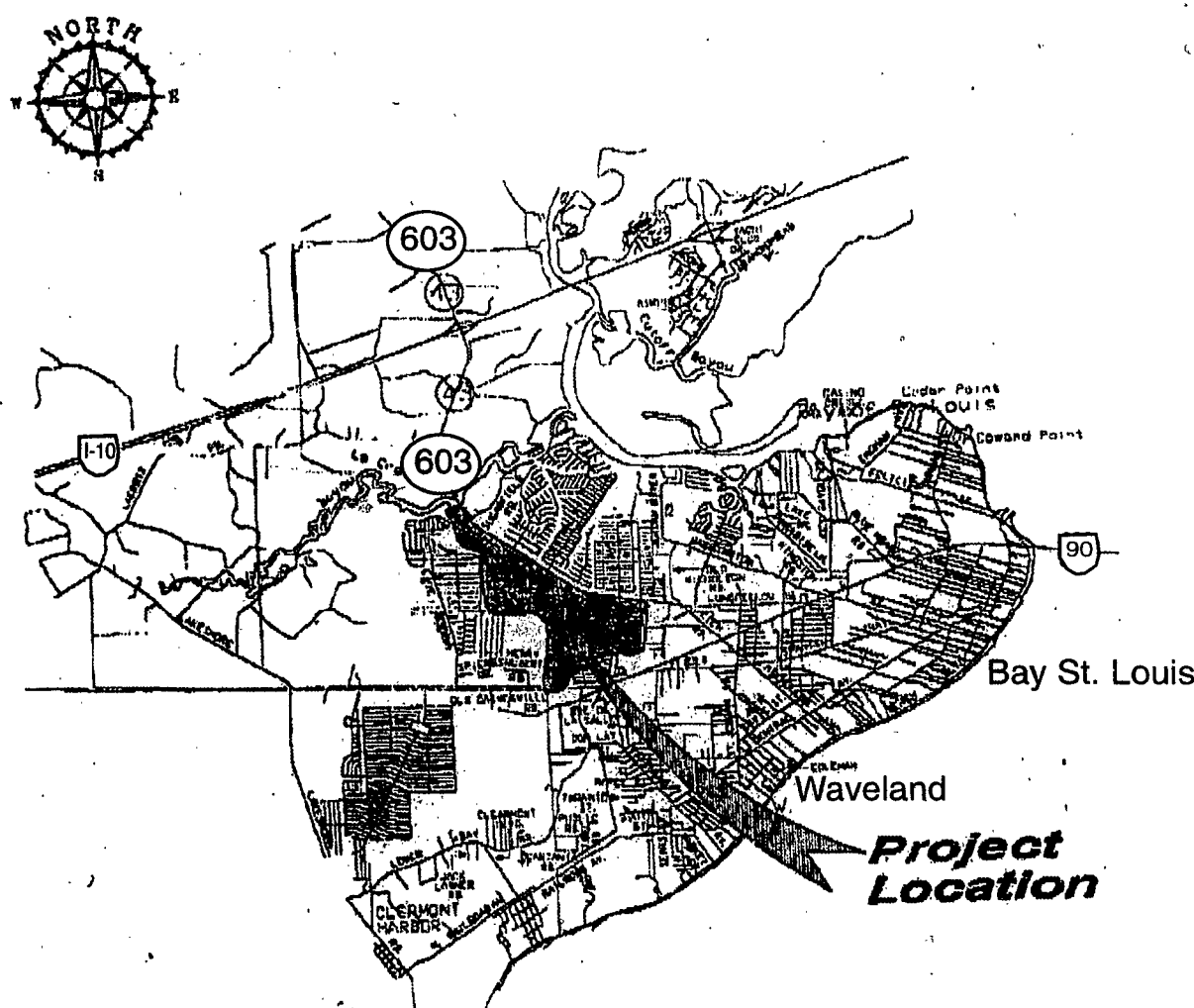
NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Hancock County Water and Sewer District. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of providing potable water to approximately 1000 residents located in the District's service area which is located north of U. S. Highway 90 and along the east and west sides of Highway 603 south of the Jourdan River.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Rural Development Area Office located at 132 Mayfair Rd. Suite C Hattiesburg, MS. For further information contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist, at 601-261-3293. Any person interested in commenting on the proposed project should submit comments to the address above by September 21, 2001

A general location map of the proposed project is shown below.



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Obituaries

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MAURICE EAGAN
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DALLAS PARVIN
CALVIN TRIPLETT SR.

FRANK CEFALU

Frank Beranger Cefalu, 84, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, in Bay St. Louis. Mr. Cefalu was a native of Burrwood, La. and a resident of New Orleans before moving to Pass Christian 40 years ago. He was a Catholic and was a member of the Pass Christian Isles Gulf Club and past grand marshal of the Pass Christian Isles Italian-American Golf Tournament.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Dominic and Saintene Beranger Cefalu.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Esneault Cefalu of Pass Christian; a son, Stephen Cefalu of LaCombe, La.; a daughter, Suzanne Cefalu Buras of Metairie; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services in the funeral home chapel. Interment was private.

The family prefers memorials to the Sisters of Mount Carmel, P. O. Box 476, LaCombe, LA 70445.

LILLY AUCOIN

Lilly Cummings Aucoin, 75, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2001, in New Orleans.

Mrs. Aucoin was a resident of Miramar Lodge Nursing Home for the past two years. She was past president and member of VFW Post 6640 Metry Ladies Auxiliary, and she was the past district auxiliary president as well as a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

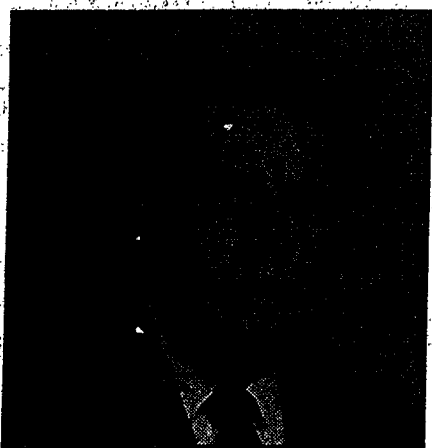
She was preceded in death by her husband, Lindsey A. Aucoin; parents Alkaney and Josephine Marullo Cummings; four brothers and sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Drout of Houston, Texas, Theresa Aucoin of New Orleans, and Florence Morrison of Ft. Worth, Texas; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Aug. 23, 7-9 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis with recitation of the Rosary at 8 p.m.

A procession will leave the funeral home at 12:10 p.m. Friday going to St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland for celebration of Mass at 12:30 p.m. Burial will follow in Biloxi National Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to St. Clare School, P. O. Box 500, Waveland, MS 39576.



MAURICE EAGAN

Maurice Francis Eagan, 71, of New Orleans, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001.

Mr. Eagan was a lifelong resident of New Orleans and was founder and chief executive officer of Eagan Insurance Agency. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Tulane University and was a Navy veteran having served aboard the USS Rendova.

Mr. Eagan was a businessman in the insurance industry for 50 years. He was president of Eagan Insurance Agency Inc. from 1961 to 1988 and chairman of the board from 1988 to 2001.

He was also secretary/treasurer of First Capital Life Company of Louisiana, vice-president of Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home and president of Pre-Need Funeral Programs.

He was a former president of the Magazine Street Business Association, charter member and charter vice-president of Agency Management Systems Users Group in 1978, president of AMS Users Group from 1979 to 1993 and recipient of the AMS Users Group Presidential Award in 1996.

He was also chairman of the Surplus Lines Task Force of the Louisiana Department of Insurance in 1979, president of the Louisiana Surplus Lines Association in 1978 and the recipient of the Surplus Lines Reporter & Insurance News Award in 1988 for lifetime achievement in the insurance business.

business.

Mr. Eagan was a past commodore of the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club in Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include two sons, Marc and Quinn Eagan; a daughter, Mimi Eagan Callahan; two brothers, Frederick Leitz Eagan and Lloyd Edwin Eagan Sr.; and 18 grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Monday at Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home in Metairie. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

The family prefers donations to Families for Inclusive Education, 1750 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130, or St. Michael's Special School, 1522 Chippewa Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

JANE GAUTHE

Jane Wolff Gauthe, 69, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2001, in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her father, Pierre Marcel Wolff; sons Anthony Marcel Hammons and Walter William Hammons II; and a brother, Peter Wolff.

Survivors include a daughter, Darlene "Dolly" H. Hoerner and husband Richard C. Hoerner of Pass Christian; her mother, Winifred C. Wolff of Metairie; a brother, Edmond Paul Wolff of Metairie; sisters Odelia Frances Wolff of Metairie and Susan Laurent of Kenner; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation will be today, Aug. 23, 4-7 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services. Burial will be private.

The family prefers memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

ELLA Y. KNIGHT

Ella Y. Knight, age unavailable, of DeLisle, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2001, in DeLisle.

Services are pending at Lockett-Williams' Mortuary in Gulfport.

DALLAS PARVIN

Dallas E. Parvin, 55, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001, in Long Beach.

Mr. Parvin, a native of Lumberton, had been a resident of Pass Christian for 32 years. He was an Army veteran and was a member of Little Black Creek Baptist Church in

Lumberton. He worked for Pool Truck Lines and Evergreen Transportation of Evergreen, Ala. for more than 28 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ruben Parvin; and a brother, Ruben "Bud" Parvin, Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Peggy Parvin of Pass Christian; his mother, Era M. Parvin of Purvis; four sons, Dallas Edward Prather and Tommy Lynn Prather, both of Brooklyn, Miss., Derris "Buck" Watts and Dallas Nathaniel Parvin, of Pass Christian; a daughter, Julia Marshall of Long Beach; four brothers, W. C. "Bill" Parvin of Saucier, John Gary Parvin of Lumberton, Larry Parvin of Collins, Miss., Lonnie Parvin of D'Iberville; eight sisters, Melva Oliver of Natchez, Mary Williams of Dalton, Ga., Esther Dickson of Iowa, La., Betty Cooley-Legg and Iva Lea Thrash, both of Hattiesburg, Rita Hiak of Lumberton, Darlene "Dee" McDermitt of Petal, and Donna Byxhe of Cleveland, Miss.; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Long Beach.

CALVIN TRIPLETT SR.

Calvin R. Triplett Sr., 78, of Carriere, died Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2001, in Picayune.

Mr. Triplett was a longtime resident of Picayune and was a teacher and coach in public schools. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Picayune.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Salter Triplett of Carriere; a daughter, Carolyn Preston of Diamondhead; sons Calvin R. Triplett Jr. of Johnston, S.C. and Rodney L. Triplett of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Vera Waller of Clearwater, Fla. seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Aug. 23, 6-9 p.m. at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune, and Friday, 9-10 a.m. in First Baptist Church in Picayune followed by services.

Burial will be in New Palestine Cemetery in Picayune.

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Board of Supervisors zoning action shot down again

BY ED LEPOMA
 Staff Writer

For the second time in recent months, a Chancery Court judge has overturned a zoning decision made by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

The latest case involves an appeal by Michelle Richard, who sought a conditional use permit to develop a recreational vehicle park on 11.65 acres of a 23-acre parcel she owns at 8360 Lakeshore Road. The property is zoned "A-1 Agricultural."

Her request came before the Planning Commission first, with some neighbors expressing concerns the RV park would attract transients into what is mainly an area of single-family homes. Others contended the development would increase incidents of littering, theft and trespassing in the area, and the RV park would decrease surrounding property values.

The Commission also received a petition by 25 individuals objecting to the RV park.

Commissioners denied Richard's conditional use, and she filed appeal to the Board of Supervisors. Subsequently, the Board in June of 2000, upheld

the Planning Commission's decision by unanimous 5-0 vote, and Richard filed appeal with the Circuit Court.

On July 24, Circuit Court Judge Stephen B. Simpson ruled in Richard's favor, overturning the decision by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

In his ruling, Simpson said, "The court finds the record does not contain substantial evidence that the proposed development would not be in harmony with the coverage, density and character of the area in which it is located...The evidence of record establishes that a majority of the surrounding property is underdeveloped as either residential or commercial, but there are some commercial enterprises located on adjoining and nearby property, as well as some single-family residents."

"Evidence showed that the new buildings for the proposed development would not be closer than 400 feet to existing residences...There was not evidence to dispute these facts regarding the existing nature of the neighborhood," Simpson ruled.

Simpson said the Board's decision was "arbitrary, capricious, discriminatory, or beyond the legal authority of the Board and unsupported by substantial evidence."

It ordered the decision reversed, and instructed the Planning Commission to issue Richard the conditional use permit, which she has since received.

Simpson's ruling that the Board acted in "an arbitrary and capricious" manner comes on the heels of another ruling issued Feb. 23 by Circuit Judge Jerry O. Terry, but made public last July.

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Wellness network to meet 1st Friday

The Gulf Coast Chapter Wholistic Wellness Network meets the first Friday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Mississippi Power Company conference room, Beach Boulevard and 30th Avenue in Gulfport.

The next meeting is Sept. 7. Topic will be "Holistic Benefits of chiropractic." Speaker will be Dr. Morris Panter, BS, DC.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Alcan Cable's Chapman wins Wire Link Scholarship

A 23-year-old process engineer from Alcan Cable, Bay St. Louis, has been named the winner of the 2001 Wire Link Traveling Scholarship, an honor that carries with it a two-week, all-expenses-paid tour of U.K. factories this October.

Tim Chapman, who has worked for the company since 1999, was chosen from among five finalists in the competition, which this year was open to members of the U.S. wire industry.

"I've never been to England before, but I'm definitely looking forward to this trip," said Chapman, who observed that, "England has so much history, and the wire industry has been established there much longer than it has in America."

This was the second year in a row that the WAI and the Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers - a London-based Livery company chartered in

1670 that combines the crafts of tin plate workers and wire workers - have jointly sponsored an exchange.

The first winner was selected from the U.K.; Simon Mounsey of Tinsley Wire Ltd., Sheffield, England, visited U.S. ferrous and nonferrous plants and one die manufacturer last summer as the first winner of the scholarship.

This year the winner was designated to come from across the Atlantic. Only wire industry people from the U.S. and the U.K. are eligible for the competition.

Applicants were required to submit an explanation of why they believe the visit to the U.K. would broaden their knowledge of the industry and benefit them and their company.

Chapman said that one area he will be especially interested in is seeing how technology is used differently.

"For example, in America it

seems as though technology is distancing the operator from the product he or she makes. In England, I expect to see operators in closer contact with their process. I'm not suggesting there is less technology, but that it has evolved differently in Europe than it has in the U.S."

On the home front, Chapman said that following his being chosen he got a lot of congratulations from family and coworkers as well as much free advice, including: "Be sure to speak English, not American, when you're over there" and "Watch the Austin Powers movies to get an understanding of the British culture."

"I plan to act like a stereotypical tourist, taking lots of photos and asking lots of questions," Chapman said. "I want to learn as much as I can about the English wire industry and the country itself during my time there," he said.

"I am greatly honored by the opportunity to represent the WAI, the American wire industry and Alcan Cable in the U.K. I view this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will have an immense impact on my career in the wire industry. This is a unique opportunity because the focus of this trip is on learning and growth, and I want to thank everyone who made this possible."

David Richards, Apex, Inc., the WAI's second vice president, headed an advisory board that reviewed all of this year's applications, then selected five finalists.

A panel of judges from The Wire Foundation, Inc., a tax-exempt organization, interviewed the fortunate five during Interwire 2001.

Chapman was introduced as the winner during a recent Networking Breakfast at the show in Atlanta, Ga.

Bank helping to teach children money management

The Peoples Bank is partnering with Biloxi's North Bay Elementary to help children learn the skill of wise money management and experience the benefit of saving, by participating in a program called "Save for America."

The program will offer children, grades K - 6, the opportunity to open their own savings account with The Peoples Bank and make weekly deposits at their school. By maintaining

their own savings account, children will learn the principles of saving, how to manage money, and the importance of investing money for a return.

In conjunction with Save for America, The Lil' Peoples Bank, located in the Biloxi School District, is scheduled to be complete for the 2001 - 2002 school year.

The Lil' Peoples Bank, donated by The Peoples Bank, is part of the school's Kidzone, and will

be used primarily as a hands-on learning center by students and teachers, in their daily learning curriculum.

Students will participate in age appropriate modules to enhance their math skills, and learn the specifics of currency and its production.

According to Peoples Bank President Chevis C. Swetman, "We are offering the school savings program as a service to parents, teachers and children

in our community.

"We are proud to be a leader among financial institutions in encouraging our future leaders to develop sound savings habits."

"We firmly believe that educating young people today will create better informed adults capable of making intelligent investment decisions tomorrow."

Headquartered in Biloxi, The Peoples Bank is a subsidiary of the parent company Peoples Financial Corporation. Peoples Financial Corporation is listed on the NASDAQ Small Cap Market under the symbol PFBX, and currently has 15 locations in South Mississippi.

The Peoples Bank has \$600 million in assets. More information on The Peoples Bank may be found at their website, www.thepeoples.com.

Workforce Investment Network celebrates statewide rollout

The Mississippi Development Authority Monday officially activated the Workforce Investment Network (WIN) in Mississippi, an innovative program designed to provide one-stop employment and training services to employers and job seekers statewide.

WIN in Mississippi creates a system that is both convenient and user-friendly by combining federal, state and community workforce programs and services into physical locations and electronic sites. Originally named and announced in Fall 2000, the WIN program is open to everyone.

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, known as WIA, provides the framework for WIN in Mississippi and is administered by the Employment Training Division of the Mississippi Development Authority.

"Mississippi's greatest resource is its people. WIN in Mississippi will give them more opportunities to obtain good jobs while providing employers with the best qualified workforce," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

"The new program also stimulates economic development as we focus on attracting new companies to Mississippi and growing existing business through Advantage Mississippi Initiatives."

Win in Mississippi is delivered locally through six Workforce Investment Areas - the Delta, Gulf Coast, Hinds County, Mississippi Partnership, Southcentral Mississippi Works and Twin Districts - which receive grants from the Employment Training Division. Local Workforce Investment Boards in each area plan and develop WIN programs based on community needs.

These local boards are business-led and work in collaboration with elected and community officials, local and state agencies and the private sector. WIN in Mississippi partners include local Workforce Investment Areas, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, Mississippi Employment Security Commission, Mississippi Department of Education, State Board for Community and Junior Colleges,

Department of Human Services, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, local elected officials and Mississippi Development Authority.

"Input and participation at the local level is a hallmark of WIN in Mississippi. It ensures that employers' and job seekers' needs are met through tailored solutions designed to promote local workforce development and economic growth," said Jim Lott, director of Mississippi's Employment Training Division.

A network of WIN Job Centers is the centerpiece of the new workforce investment system. Located throughout the state, more than 64 centers provide customers with easy access to services in the areas of employment, education, training, human services and economic development.

This is accomplished through co-location of offices, electronic connectivity, and coordination of existing agency programs and services based on community needs.

"Every WIN Job Center is a local connection that brings together extensive resources and information under one roof," said Lott.

By consolidating services,

WIN in Mississippi offers added efficiencies that make the most of every dollar available for training, retraining and education.

"It is a WIN-WIN for everyone," said J. C. Burns, executive director, Mississippi Development Authority. "In addition to the more effective use of public resources, WIN in Mississippi helps put people to work creating a broader tax base which in turn grows communities across the state. It is a valuable tool that will allow us to capitalize on Mississippi's high-quality workforce and increasing economic development opportunities."

To learn more about the WIN Job Center nearest you and the WIN in Mississippi system, visit www.wininmississippi.org or contact one of these convenient Workforce Investment Area locations: Hinds County, 601-968-6502; Delta, 662-378-3831; Gulf Coast, 228-897-1881; Mississippi Partnership, 662-489-2415; Southcentral Mississippi Works, 601-981-1511; or Twin Districts, 601-545-2137.

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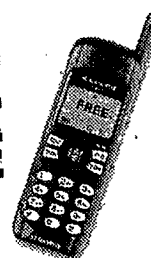
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Demand has depleted Food Pantry's shelves

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Publisher Emeritus

"More food is going out than coming in, as the number of deserving families have doubled in recent months," Arleen Sauzer, president of the Hancock County Food Pantry, said Monday.

In June the all-volunteer-operated Food Pantry served 795 people, July 695 people, and by Aug. 17, 446 people, according to Sauzer.

"These last three months show the demand has almost doubled in the number of folks qualified to receive assistance from the Food Pantry, Sauzer added.

On an annual basis in June the letter carriers in Bay-Waveland and Hancock County conduct a food drive for the Food Pantry in conjunction with a national drive.

Sauzer said, "Our mail carriers

did a wonderful job and collected 220 banana boxes of food. By the end of July all of that collection was distributed."

The Food Pantry is funded by the United Way of South Mississippi, area churches, businesses, organizations, industries and individuals.

Its operation is an all-volunteer force, which involves some 50 concerned members from area churches. Some work at the pantry several days a week, while others weekly, and a few once a month. Hancock County provides space for the pantry.

"All contributions we receive go directly for the purchase of food products. There are no salaries," the president emphasized.

Sauzer and her husband, George Sauzer, have been involved with the Food Pantry since its beginning in 1986. George is the food hauler from

merchants who give the pantry special prices and the USDA Twelve Baskets. There are others who collect pastries, etc., from area businesses, too.

During the year, schools, organizations, Scout units, businesses and other groups conduct food drives, which all help make the Food Pantry successful.

The Food Pantry is located at 508 Ulman Avenue, next to the Civil Defense Office and is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Sauzer said visitors are welcome.

If you are interested in making a contribution or would like to receive further information on the Hancock County Food Pantry, write or visit 508 Ulman Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, telephone 467-2790.



Winner

Emma Brumfield, 12-year-old daughter of Doyle and Christy Brumfield, recently competed at the AAU National Gymnastics Championships in Atlanta, Ga., where she placed First All-Around, clinching the National Championship title for Level 8. She has trained for the last four years at Lanier's School of Gymnastics in Gulfport under the supervision of gym owner/coach Cindy Wallace and coaches Terry Kruchowsky, Meredith Tootle and Lisa Davis. She is currently training for Level 9. Emma is a seventh grade student at West Wortham in Sauzier.

St. Rock to host special services on Sunday

St. Rock UMC will host two special services Sunday, Aug. 26 at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The morning speaker will be Faye Ball, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Peters. The evening speaker will be David Ball, son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Peters.

The couple resides in Glenoaks, N.Y.

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VFW announces youth scholarships

The Veterans of Foreign Wars announces two premier youth scholarship programs.

The first scholarship program is the Voice of Democracy. Open to students in the ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th grades, it provides more than \$2.5 million annually in awards and scholarships.

Created in 1947, it gives students a chance to extol the virtues of democracy and experiment with the technologies of radio broadcasting.

Today, thousands of students participate worldwide in each of VFW's 54 Departments. Those 54 Department winners all receive a trip to Washington, D.C. for a tour of historic landmarks in the nation's capital. While there they compete for \$139,500 in national college scholarships, including a \$25,000 first prize.

VOD's format requires contestants to write and record a 3- to 5-minute essay on audio cassette based on that year's theme.

Each year's theme is based on some aspect of democracy.

This year's theme is

"Reaching Out To America's Future."

Students must be enrolled in public, private or parochial high schools in the U.S.

The contest also is open to home-schooled students. All entries must be submitted through a high school or directly to a VFW Post by Nov. 1.

The second scholarship program is the Youth Essay, and it is available to seventh and eighth grade students.

The national essay contest has been designed to give students the opportunity to creatively voice their opinions on the stated annual contest theme while improving their skills.

This year's theme is "Is Freedom Really Free?"

All entries should be typewritten in English and cannot be less than 300 or greater than 400 words in length.

The deadline for the Youth Essay is Dec. 1.

Students will have the opportunity to compete for many awards and prizes. The state winner will advance to national and compete for a top award of a \$10,000 Savings Bond.

For information, contact the local VFW or call Bernard McClelland at 601-833-6145, or Carolyn Verucchi at 601-442-7668, state VOD chairmen, or log on to www.vfw.org.

Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts nomination forms available

The Mississippi Arts Commission is seeking nominations for the 2002 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

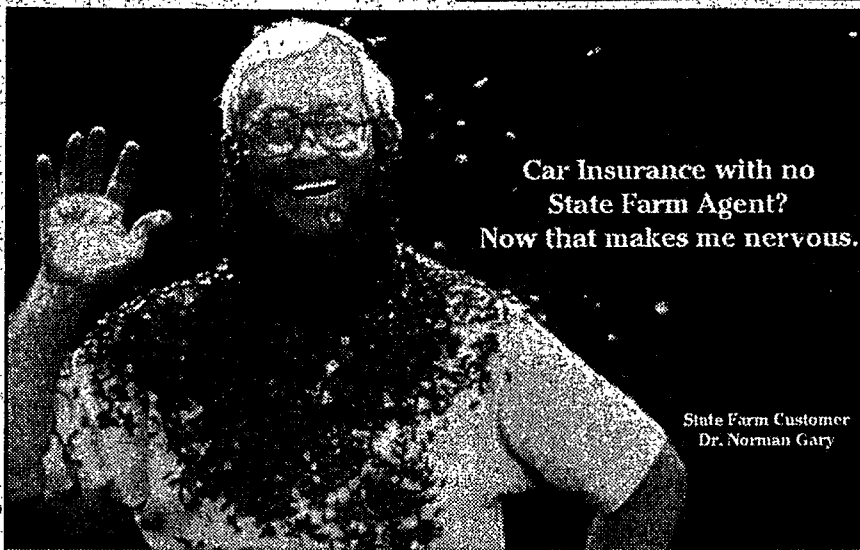
The awards, presented annually by the Commission and Governor's Office, recognizes organizations and individuals whose work on behalf of the arts has significantly contributed to the growth and development of the cultural life of Mississippi, said Betsy Bradley, Commission executive director.

Awards are presented to outstanding writers, artists, performers and craftsmen who have made significant and lasting contributions through their work as well as to corporations or organizations on the basis of their dedication to arts advancement.

Previous winners have included Leontyne Price, authors Eudora Welty, Willie Morris and Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander, BellSouth, Malaco Records, Mississippi State Hospital Community Services Homeless Program, Morgan Freeman, Mississippi Mass Choir, Pierce Street Elementary, Noxubee County Library, Crossroads Quilters, architect Samuel Mockbee, Abie (Boogaloo) Ames and philanthropist John Palmer.

A panel of judges representing all aspects of the arts will select the winners, who will be honored at an awards ceremony in February 2002.

Nomination forms and supplementary materials must be hand-delivered to the Commission at 239 N. Lamar Street Ste. 207, Jackson, MS



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Bay High grad is MS Lawyer of the Year

Mary Langenbacker of Ocean Springs has been named the Legal Services Lawyer of the Year for 2000-2001 by the Mississippi Bar Association.

Langenbacker was presented with this award at the Mississippi Bar Association's annual convention in Sandestin, Florida in July.

Each year the Mississippi Bar recognizes an attorney who has demonstrated excellence in the provision of legal services to the community and who has shown unselfish dedication to both clients and the legal profession.

Langenbacker has distinguished herself particularly in the representation of disabled adults, the elderly, and children with disabilities.

She has in the past served as a liaison with the Mississippi Bar's SSI Child Disability Project and has coordinated continuing legal education for other attorneys. Additionally, she has served on various Young Lawyers Division committees.

A 1984 graduate of Bay High School, Langenbacker received a doctor of jurisprudence from Mississippi College School of Law in 1991.

She is a senior staff attorney with South Mississippi Legal Services Corporation in Biloxi, where she has been employed since 1992.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Langenbacker, Jr. of Waveland.

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Like father, like son

Jay Latham follows in dad Terry's 'Hurricane Hunter' footsteps

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

In times past, following in the footsteps of a father's career was commonplace for a young man, either through apprenticeships or the passing down of a family business. Jay Latham, son of Hope Haven Director Terry Latham, found himself following in the footsteps of his father's military career quite by accident. Like his father, now retired from the Navy, Jay trained as a weather man for the military and is now a Hurricane Hunter with the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squad, Air Force Reserve based at Keesler.

"The Latham family has a strong sense of service to our country," Terry said. So it was not a surprise when his son Jay decided to join the Air Force.

"My dad was in the Navy and passed on his deep belief that the military develops strong character; that our career choices make a deep imprint in our children's minds, not just on their own career choices, but on the type of people they turn out to be," said Terry. "He believed that every man and woman should serve their country. I was pleased when Jay decided to join the Air Force."

Originally, Jay made up his mind to go into the service in the medical field, but all the training school placements were full and he was told that he would have had to wait a year or more for a placement. Advisors told him that aptitude tests had shown he had an affinity for weather.

"At first, Jay said there was no way he was going in to the field," Terry said. "But then he decided to go ahead and take the placement."

"I didn't know anything about the weather field," said Jay. "I never really understood what dad did, but once I got into school, I realized that it was a good job."

The rest is history. At the same time that Jay was training, Terry was the head of training for the Navy Headquarters Weather Command at Stennis Space Center. His job was to formu-

late the training plans and programs for the weather school. The job took him to Chanute Air Force Base, where Jay was doing his training some twenty odd years later.

"It was strange but nice to see my son sitting in the same place I was when I was also 18," said Terry. The same year that Jay left active duty, 1992, was also the year that Terry retired from his military career.

Terry first came to the area in 1976 for a term of duty at the Naval Air Station in New Orleans. He served at the Naval Oceanography Command, though his career took him all over the world, flying with the Naval Oceanographic Research Squadron. Budget cuts later reduced the Hurricane Hunter squadron to only one program, under the realm of the Air Force.

Back then, the Hurricane Hunters fell under the realm of the Navy also, though Terry said that he spent most of his time watching winter storms and ice conditions in the Arctic and Antarctic. Part of his job was to map ice thickness, patterns and movements so that supply ships could navigate the



Jay Latham, left, and his father Terry relax at Terry's Diamondhead home. Jay has followed in his father's footsteps, joining the military and then - upon returning to civilian life - joining the Hurricane Hunters squadron at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi.



Jay Latham, on duty for the U.S. Air Force in the Middle East in 1988.

extreme conditions. "There were terrible storms that could blow the ice up to 20 miles a day," he said.

About all Jay remembers of his dad's career, he said, is that Terry was gone a lot, and a trip

he took with his dad and 500 other Navy kids on a ship from Hawaii to San Diego. Besides all the kids, there were 1,300 Navy personnel and 2,000 Marines.

"It was crowded and smelled



Terry Latham, on duty for the U.S. Navy in Antarctica in 1964.

funny and took about a week," said Jay. "We all wandered around the ship and got to watch our dads work some - a

lot of the kids liked hanging around the ship, but I didn't. I just wasn't that kind of kid."

About two years after Jay left active duty, he was invited to join the Air Force Reserve and the Hurricane Hunters at Keesler. He recently flew two reconnaissance flights to watch Tropical Storm Barry. The squadron tested a brand new airplane in the storm, a WC-130 J Model, to see how it measured up to the old design.

"It did a great job," said Jay. As a full-time reservist, Jay also does his share of winter storm watches and usually spends a month in Alaska every January with the squadron. The squad is busy year-round.

While still on active duty, both Terry and Jay volunteered to go the Middle East during Desert Storm. "They told me I was too old," said Terry.

Jay went as a forecaster sta-

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1961: North Hancock County slated to get phone service within a year

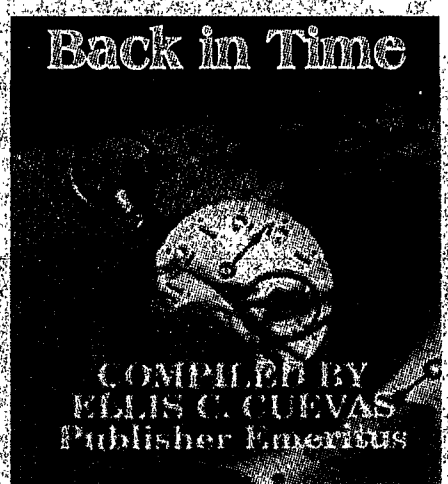
TEN YEARS AGO

August 22, 1991 - Only one supervisor District 4 representative Wilmer Seymour, was present during Tuesday's Bureau of Marine Resources (BMR) public hearing on gill netting.

According to BMR deputy director Joe Gill, the hearing was requested by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors in response to House Bill 1106, which allows the supervisors the chance for input in the structuring of regulation changes.

Necaise Crossing ball park receives the foundation for a slab for a concession stand and bathroom with the assistance of community volunteers.

Last April, parents working with little league requested help from the county in preparing their park. Road and street



maintenance crew workers (in photo) are Norvin Kelly, James Travira Sr., L.G. Johnson, S. Herrod Nichols, and Tommy Moran.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

August 16, 1981 - A new Hancock County oil and gas well drilling operation is sched-

uled to begin this week and another is slated late Fall. Penrod Drilling Co. in a few days will begin drilling another wildcat near the Catahoula Community for Hunt Entergy Corp. of Jackson.

The wildcat site is located one-half mile southeast of a Hunt 23,180-foot test well near Highway 43 now being evaluated to determine marketability of its product. Regarding the county's second newly scheduled well.

Marshall R. Young Co. officials in Bay St. Louis Thursday said drilling operations for a 14,400-foot well will begin sometime between October and December.

The Waveland Field well will be located at an undetermined location just off Bayou LaCroix Road. The drilling operation was recently permitted by the

state board as Zengarleng 26-14 No. One.

A resident of Clermont Harbor appeared Saturday before Lynn Havens, Southern District commissioner of the State Public Service Commission, objecting to requested utility rate increases.

Havens met with the local residents in St. Ann's Parish Hall, who objected to requested rate increases by Johnson Utility Company, new owners of their water system.

Lack of pressure, and poor service were among some of the grievances of the residents of Clermont Harbor. The utility company, which serves 300 customers, has applied before Havens' commission for rate increases above 300 percent of those currently paid by the residents.

FORTY YEARS AGO

August 24, 1961 - North Hancock County is due to get telephone service sometime between July and September of 1962. That was the word this week from WE. (Bucky) Moore, state public service commissioner, and F.J. Lundy, Southern Bell district manager, culminating many months of planning towards this end.

Plans are that the new switching unit will connect with the Pass Christian exchange and those receiving service in north Hancock County will be able to dial all subscribers in Gulfport, Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis exchanges without toll charges.

Leslie Dedeaux of Sellers community, has been named Hancock County's Outstanding Soil Conservation Farmer of 1961. County Agent O.O.

Swords said Dedeaux was named this week for the annual award sponsored jointly by the Mississippi Wildlife Federation and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

Some of his accomplishments are cover cropping, 22 acres; crop residue use, 22 acres; conservation crop rotation, 19 acres; pasture planting, 10 acres; rotation grazing pasture, 38 acres; tree planting, 1,000 acres; and fish and improvement, one acre.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

August 24, 1951 - Two-way traffic has been resumed over the entire length of the Bay bridge following chief repairs of damage caused by fire Sunday afternoon. Joe Moran, state highway department mainte-

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nance man for the bridge, state that all bridge repairs would be completed today. The bridge was opened to heavy traffic Wednesday afternoon.

The fire, the fifth in 10 years, destroyed much of the walkway and railing on the bridge along a distance of 300 feet on the west side of the draw. The blaze seriously damaged several of the supporting pilings of the U.S. 90 Bay Bridge.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new modern Episcopal school building on South Beach. Reverend Charles R. Johnson stated that the school, located behind the rectory, will open for classes September 10. Registration will start August 25.

The Episcopal school was first started in February 1950 when a Kindergarten was introduced at the parish house on Carroll Avenue. In September, the church rented a small space in the Masonic Temple on Main Street where a first grade was added.

This year a nursery and second grade will be added. Rev. Johnson said that the hope of the local church that an addition of a grade a year might be made to the new school.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

August 22, 1941 - We hope our friends of the Hancock County Library will be prepared to donate liberally on tag day. We are counting on you coming out and opening your hearts and your purses. Don't fail us now, says the management of the library. Bay St. Louis Library is one of the biggest cultural assets of our city and county and The Echo feels certain no one will pass up the opportunity to give it assistance on the forthcoming tag day to be announced. It is well to keep this in mind and be prepared to enter into the spirit of the move. Let us all be part of Bay St. Louis - actively associated with all of its activities.

On Last Saturday afternoon, a small privately-owned airplane met with disaster when its pilot found it necessary to make a forced landing and fell into a tree in a section of Waveland on the road just before the home of Kenneth B. Thompson.

The plane hung for a while from the limb of a tree before falling to the ground and was completely demolished, while its pilot, a Mrs. Morgan, in a cross-country flight in a rented plane, miraculously received only bruises on one side of her face.

During a rain and thunderstorm and while traveling at a low altitude, Mrs. Morgan found it necessary to land and thus came to grief in the plane, the noise of the motor being heard very plainly by residents here in Bay St. Louis.

Pearlington Library movie day a success

More than 60 children attended the weekly Movie Day at the Pearlington Public Library during the month of July, according to Jeanne Pierce, coordinator of public and information services for the Hancock County Library System.

Branch Manager Sue Toledano said that every Thursday afternoon she showed a Disney movie for the children and served popcorn, cookies and lemonade.

"The children felt like they were at a real movie theater," said Toledano, "and it got them back into the library and checking out books after the end of the Summer Reading Program."

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Dentist appreciates 'plaque'



Local orthodontist Dr. William Ledoux, center, displays a plaque recognizing his efforts to enhance education in the Hancock County School District. Also shown is his staff, back from left, Debbie Doll, Sharon Juhasz, Dawn Graves and Linda Wolfe; and in front, Stacey Toney and Leslee Gibson. Dr. Ledoux donated thousands of laminated "Test Taking Tips" handouts for each student in grades 4-12. The informational sheet provides students with tips about study habits, test taking, and other pertinent information. In the picture's background is the "Wall of Fame" in Dr. Ledoux's Bay St. Louis office that is signed by patients whenever their braces are removed. Also located in Dr. Ledoux's office is "McDoux News," a bulletin board dedicated to patients who make the newspaper for their outstanding accomplishments. The Hancock County School District's plaque of appreciation can now be seen hanging in the hall of Dr. Ledoux's patient-friendly office.

Father -- like son

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tioned out of King Fahd Air Force Base in Saudi Arabia, the closest base to the front lines. There, he was responsible for ensuring the safety of the flights made by the A-10 Warthogs. The planes carried an enormous amount of armament, said Jay, and because of this it could not carry much

fuel and had to be re-fueled midair. The wind conditions had to be just right.

Forecasters kept track of wind direction, air pressure, humidity and the tremendous amount of smoke from the oil fires in Kuwait. All these factors could have affected the laser-guide munitions used in

the war, Jay said. For Jay, who had just turned 20, the war was a great adventure, he said. On the home front, Terry and his wife, Ann started a support group for coast families whose loved ones were deployed to the Gulf War.

Both men now reside in the Diamondhead community.

Use common sense, awareness to reduce risk of shark attack

Visitors to Gulf Coast beaches no doubt are thinking a little more about the possibility of encountering a shark following widely publicized attacks in the last two months, but the chance of becoming a victim remains pretty slim, a University of Mississippi biologist said.

"The probability of your being bitten by a shark is extremely low," said Dr. Glenn Parsons, an associate professor of biology who has studied Gulf sharks for several years.

"If you add up all the hours people spend in the water around the world and look at the number of shark attacks, and then add up all the hours people spend in cars compared to the number of accidents, you'll want to spend a lot more time in the ocean and less time in a car."

The number of shark attacks has risen in recent years - 79 incidents were recorded worldwide last year, including 34 in Florida waters - but more people are killed each year by bee stings, crocodiles and lightning than by sharks, he said.

Last month, a bull shark attacked 8-year-old Jessie Arbogast in Pensacola, Fla., biting off the boy's arm and leaving him in a coma.

A Florida surfer was attacked near the same location nine days later, but managed to fight off the animal after it bit his foot.

Although the risk of being

attacked is low, Parsons suggests that swimmers take a few simple precautions to reduce those odds even more:

Swim between 10 a.m. and 6 or 7 p.m. Sharks are most active during times when the light is changing, such as early in the morning and at dusk. These are key feeding times for the creatures.

Don't swim if you have open cuts or are menstruating. Sharks have keen senses, and bodily fluids in the water may attract them.

Don't swim near fishing piers or anywhere where people are fishing or putting bait in the water.

Stay clear of areas where the water is murky. "When the water is cloudy or murky, the possibility that a shark might mistake a foot or a body part for a fish is increased," Parsons said.

"It is hard to find clear water in a lot of places along the Coast, but if you go out to the barrier islands, for example, the water is a lot clearer."

Don't swim alone in deserted areas. Swimming in a group or in areas with a lot of people reduces the chances you'll be attacked.

If possible, plan beach trips before July or after August. Fewer shark attacks are reported in spring or late summer.

Some experts offer other tips such as not wearing brightly colored swimsuits or shiny jewelry, and avoiding excessive

splashing, but Parsons said the value of such measures is questionable.

"In terms of the effect on your overall risk, I'm sure it's extremely small," he explains. "It's far more important to just use common sense and not be in the water during the times that sharks are most active or if a shark has been sighted in the area."

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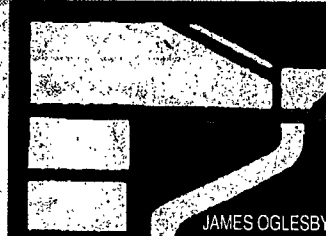
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All-Stars



The Bay St. Louis Dixie Youth League All-Stars on Saturday received the league Sportsmanship Trophy. Team members include, front row: Lauren Seal, Madison Conaway, Amanda Morris, Brittany Colson, Lea Seal and Mischa Tice. Back row: Mikkel Williamson (coach), Elexis Dorsey, Alyce Brogle, Everett Tice (coach), Stephanie Williamson, Farren Washington, Deanna Cuevas and Danial Brogle (coach).

Dedeaux, NFL Teacher of the Year, retires

Billy Ray Dedeaux is retiring from the Hancock County School System after 25 years of service and received the NFL Teacher of the Year Award given by Brett Favre.

Dedeaux has been the director of the Catholic Youth Organization of the Sacred Heart Catholic Youth Group in Dedeaux for 25 years and will continue to work with the young people.

Through many years of service Dedeaux has reached out and touched many children's lives and is going to be greatly missed at Hancock Schools. Dedeaux has been known to help families in need and children less fortunate.

In honor of his 25 years of service a retirement party will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Center in Dedeaux Community Saturday, August 25 at 7 p.m.

Special speakers will be Joan Halford, Stacy Necaise, Eric Necaise, Darnell Cuevas, Donnie Gholston and Lisa Coward. This is a covered-dish affair. For information, contact Sandy Necaise at 255-2522 or Stacy Necaise at 255-4866.



Billy Ray Dedeaux receives NFL Teacher of the Year Award from Brett Favre.

Hancock, OLA, Bay High volleyball update

Hancock-Gulfport
The Hancock Lady Hawks lost to the Gulfport Lady Admirals, 11-15, 4-15, Tuesday night in high school volleyball action. Amanda Fleetwood scored six points for the Lady Hawks.

In the junior varsity contest, Gulfport won 15-4, 15-13. Kandace Boos had seven points for the junior Lady Hawks.

OLA-Bay High
Our Lady Academy defeated the Lady Tigers at Bay High School Tuesday night, 15-0, 15-2 in volleyball play. Grace Allen and Jennifer Fortenberry scored seven and six points respectively for the Crescents. Emily Meyers had six kills, followed by Katherine Milner with

five. Julie Reboul had nine assists as the team improved to 2-1 on the season.

In the junior varsity match, OLA won, 15-8, 7-15, 15-10. Jordan Fisher scored eleven points and Sarah Loiacano added seven for the junior Crescents.

OLA will travel to Long Beach tonight to face the Lady Bearcats at 6 p.m.

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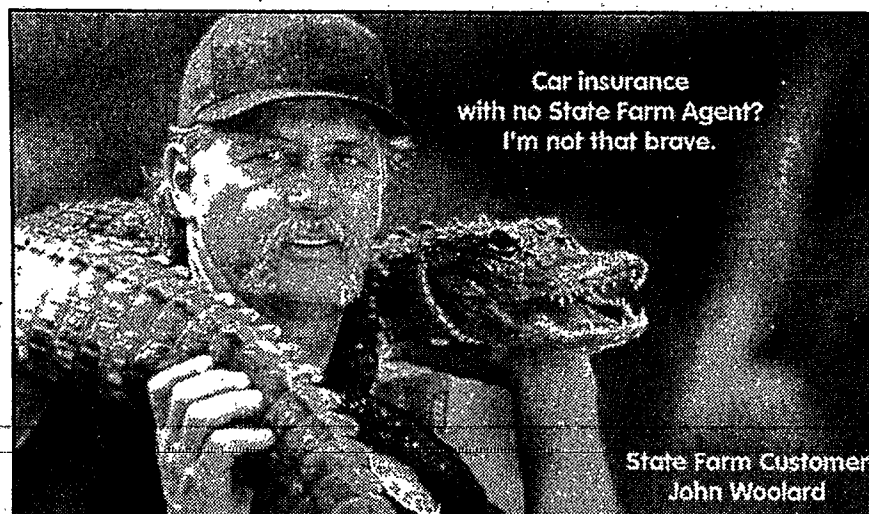
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Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

ACOA and Al-Anon
ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead. Thursdays at 8 p.m.. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL
Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society
Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison County chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sickroom supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying hospitals.

Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To Recovery", in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women
Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy

program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW Group
Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room.

The HOW group is a discipline plan of eating using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

Blood Pressure
Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate)
Volunteers are needed to speak up for an abused or neglected child. Be a child's voice. Call 467-7945.

DivorceCare
DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Avenue, Gulfport, each Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Child care provided through fifth grade.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, including "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."

For information, call 228-896-7053 or visit the website at www.Bayouview.org.

Family Child Center
The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse, call 868-8686 or 865-0982.

Grieving Support Group
A Wholesome Grieving Support Group will meet every second Wednesday, of the month 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hancock Senior Care Office

in Bay West Professional Center, 1011 Hwy. 90, across from the Waffle House. The meetings are free of charge.

For information, call Edmond Fahey Funeral Home at 467-9031 or Hancock Senior Care at 467-4675.

Hancock County Humane Society

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Homework Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

Hope Haven Children's Shelter

Hope Haven is a non-profit residential shelter for abused and neglected children and provides a safe, loving refuge to children from birth through 15.

The shelter welcomes public support through donations of money, goods or services. Volunteers are needed.

Open board meetings are conducted at Mississippi Power Co., Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. A United Way agency. 228-467-7945; e-mail at www.hopehavenshelter.org.

Lupus Foundation
A Lupus Foundation of Mississippi education/support group meets 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the West Biloxi Library, 2047 Pass Road.

For information, call Shelia Fletcher at 436-9484 or 1-800-866-9606 for a free lupus information packet.

Money Management

The Consumer Money Management Center serves the public by providing free financial consultations as well as informational literature and seminars for employers, educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

Information and assistance from the center relates to various aspects of personal money management including budgeting, credit repayment, insurance, and investments.

The service is sponsored by Mississippi State University and Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. To set up an appointment call Hancock County Extension Office, 467-5456.

Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes will be offered in Hancock County at RSVP (Old City Hall, Bay St. Louis) for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communications skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

Call Kat Fitzpatrick at Family Child Center for details or reservations, 868-8686.

Parkinson Support Group

The public is invited to all meetings of the Parkinson Support Group, which are held the second Sunday at 2 p.m. at Garden Park Community Hospital in Gulfport. For information, call 863-2929 or 467-0307.

Save Our Children

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the center, 405 Necaise Street, Bay St. Louis.

For details, call Geraldine Lang at 467-9586.

Seizure Disorder Support Group

Those who suffer from a seizure disorder and need the support of people who know what that means, may join the Kim Berglund Seizure Disorder Support Group. No pressure, no judgment.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Classroom Trailer I at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

Call 865-3421 for details.

St. Vincent Thrift Store

St. Clare Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store, City Hall Annex, Coleman Avenue. It is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 3, and Saturday, 10 a.m. until noon.

All proceeds benefit the needy regardless of race or religion. An information and referral service is available from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For additional information, call 467-0703.

Senior Citizens

Located on the corner of Bookter and St. Frances streets, the center serves Hancock County citizens 60 plus years of age.

Under the Hancock County

Human Resource Agency, the center provides classes in art, ceramics, framing, counted cross stitch, crochet, plastic canvas, shirt decorating, quilting and sewing.

There is also information and referral, counseling, entertainment and recreational field trips and health care services. Transportation is provided through a contract with Coast Transit Authority to the center or to the local doctor, grocery store, bill paying, etc.

The center has a contract to provide frozen home delivered meals to 50 homebound seniors each week and serves 20 hot meals at the center four days a week under a statewide food contract with Valley Foods. In addition, a potluck lunch is served on Friday prepared by the staff.

A morning snack is provided with donations from local clubs, churches and individuals. AAA contracts with Lifeline for one full-time homemaker for about two hours per week for needy seniors to do light housekeeping or errands for them.

For information, call the center at 467-9292 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Fall enrollment at PRCC reaches record levels

Pearl River Community College officials announced Friday that the 2001 fall semester enrollment is the largest in the school's 92-year history.

Through the end of registration Friday, fall enrollment was up 432 students, including more than 200 full-time students, to a total of 3,422 students on both the Poplarville and Hattiesburg campuses. That's a 14 percent increase over fall enrollment in 2000.

By the time late registration ends Tuesday, school officials expect more than 3,450 students will have registered on the Poplarville campus.

"I commend the PRCC faculty, staff and administrators for their outstanding efforts," said PRCC President William Lewis. "This enrollment increase demonstrates that our efforts to attract and hold students from within our six-county district were successful."

Academic Dean John Grant said that every classroom on campus was filled.

"Most of our classes are filled, if not all of them," said Grant. "We are out of classroom space in some places during the most popular times of the day, but we are doing what we can to accommodate all the

students. This is the largest number of students we've ever had."

The same is true at PRCC's Forrest County Center, according to Dr. Cecil Burt, Director of the Forrest County Vo-Tech and Allied Health Center.

"This is the most students we've ever had in Hattiesburg," he said. "We are having to adjust schedules and seek our additional classroom spaces to accommodate the overload."

"We're getting it done. It's a good problem to have."

Miller Hammill, dean of student affairs, reported that all 295 dormitory rooms on campus are filled and that there is a waiting list for housing accommodations for male students.

"We have some 80 male students on the waiting list

which is the most we've ever had on a waiting list," said Hammill. He attributes that demand to several reasons.

"The growth in our district is one reason," he said. "Two, more people are being directed toward the community colleges."

Grant added that the economy also plays a role. "It's a well-known fact nationwide that when the economy is down, community college enrollments go up."

Don Welch, director of the Poplarville Vo-Tech Center, said there were still openings in some programs, including Heating and Air Conditioning Technology, Machine Tool Operation Technology, Welding, Automotive Technology and Electrical Technology. For information about these programs, call (601) 403-1241 or 1242.

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Entertainment

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Tickets are now on sale for the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre/Bay-Waveland Yacht Club Dinner Theatre production of two one-act comedies.

The entertainment will include "A Marriage Proposal," directed by Edith Back of Bay St. Louis, and "The Actor's Nightmare," directed by Nan Ehrbright of Waveland.

"A Marriage Proposal," written by Anton Chekhov, is a fast-paced laugh-inducer starring LaDonna Darrah of Bay St. Louis as Natalia Stephanovna, Scott Shull of Long Beach as Ivan Vassiliyitch Lomov and Marty Fitzgerald of Ocean Springs as Stepan Stepanovitch Tschubukov.

Ivan, a bundle of nervous twitches, makes a formal call on his neighbor to ask for the hand of his daughter, Natalia, who is close to old-maid status.

The delighted father leaves the two alone. A few minutes of polite conversation turns into a raging quarrel. After Ivan is driven from the house, Natalia learns the reason for his visit and throws a tantrum to force her father to bring him back. Ultimately, the suitor and his intended arrive at an affectionate arrangement after more



The Actor's Nightmare - Sandy Higdon, Stephanie Macaluso, Lann Owens and Glen Vanderbeek

histrionics.

In "The Actor's Nightmare," George - or maybe Stanley - who thinks he's an accountant - but isn't sure - finds himself onstage one night with several professionals, desperately trying to perform scenes that he doesn't know. Playwright Christopher Durang, perhaps best known for his irreverent "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All for You," has incorporated well-known lines from "Private Lives," "Hamlet," "Checkmate"

and "A Man for All Seasons" into the play.

Lann Owens of Long Beach plays the hapless George. The three actors playing professionals are Maureen Morley and Glen Vanderbeek, both of Bay St. Louis, as Sarah and Henry, and Sandy Higdon of Waveland as Ellen. Stephanie Macaluso of Diamondhead plays Meg, the stage manager.

Morley, Vanderbeek and Macaluso will make their debuts as BSLT players in the



A Marriage Proposal - Mary Fitzgerald, Scott Shull and LaDonna Darrah

dinner theatre production.

Fitzgerald designed the set. Betty Spencer of Bay St. Louis will serve as stage manager. John Holmes of Bay St. Louis will handle lights. June Hardy of Pass Christian is in charge of properties.

Dick Ehrbright of Waveland designed the poster and program cover.

Tickets, at \$25 each, include dinner, tax and tips and the entertainment. Performances on Sept. 6 and 8 begin with a

cash bar at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 and the plays at 8.

For the Sunday matinee on Sept. 9, the cash bar will open at noon, followed by dinner at 1 p.m. and the plays at 2.

Reservations are required and must be made by Sept. 1. For reservations, call the yacht club at 467-4592.



Louis, left, and Fin Art with Schafer in her studio.

Local artist catches more fish

Bay St. Louis artist Elizabeth D. Schafer created two more fun-loving fish that will be auctioned off for the YLC Annual Charity Gala.

"Working with the fish provides a magical and fun twist to serious art. These creatures take on their own life and personality as they evolve."

Schafer was one of 30 artists selected from the 100 artists who participated in the Festival of Fins to create more wonderful tongue-in-cheek creations for this charity event.

These fish however, are smaller table-top versions with only a total of 32 fish this time around. The whole school is just as diverse and just as comical as their larger predecessors, and each with their own fishy personality.

One of Schafer's fish is a tribute to Louis Armstrong, entitled "Louis" complete with a red bow tie, a trumpet, and his famous wide-toothy grin. The second fish entitled "Fin Art" features two bold, colorful musical abstractions similar to her known works of art, one on each

side. Schafer is a well-known artist throughout the South as the painter of music. Her next exhibition is Sept. 1 - Oct. 13 at the Meridian Museum of Art and the Meridian Community College, entitled "Expressions of Jazz."

She also has a show Oct. 1 - 31, "The First, Second, and Third Movement," at the Gulf Coast Community College in Gautier. Or catch her works online at www.artbyliz.com.

In addition, she is a member of Art Wave, the Ocean Springs Art Association, and is a board member for the Mississippi Art Colony.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Young Leadership Council (YLC) in New Orleans. The gala is Saturday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans. If you would like to attend, please contact John Hopper at 504-585-1500.

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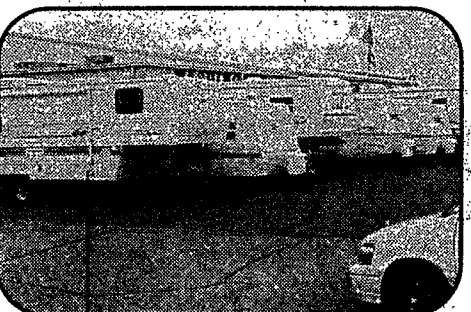


Leila Wynn, President of Wildlife Mississippi.

The second annual Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo will be held on August 24-26 at the Forrest County Multi Purpose Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. For three days wildlife enthusiasts can get the latest information and equipment on their favorite outdoor activity. Emphasis will be on hunting, fishing, boating, camping, fish and wildlife management and other outdoor activities. The Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo, hosted by Wildlife Mississippi, is the largest in South Mississippi.

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Leila C. Wynn, President of Wildlife Mississippi, stated "We are expecting a crowd of more than 12,000 people to attend for the wide array of outdoor equipment, supplies and services, all at the right prices. Kids can have a great time and the whole family can learn about conservation through the many exhibits. It's a real bargain. Proceeds from the Expo will go to Wildlife Mississippi for use on conservation projects in Mississippi."



The Expo will feature approximately 100 exhibitors selling boats, fishing equipment, RVs, deer stands, hunting gear, turkey calls, wildlife photography and kid's stuff, to name a few.

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A Variety of Exhibitors

According to Wynn, the Expo will definitely be bigger and better than the 2000 Expo. "It will have a totally new look. Anyone who loves fishing, hunting, camping, wildlife viewing or just being outdoors in Mississippi will find something of interest at the Expo," said Wynn.

"I encourage everyone to attend the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo. It will be a fun-filled event as well as raise needed funds for fish and wildlife conservation throughout Mississippi."

**Kent Hull, Board Member
Wildlife Mississippi**

The three-day Expo will feature approximately 100 exhibitors selling ATVs, fishing and hunting gear, deer stands, game calls, boats, camping supplies, wildlife art and books, RVs, outdoor apparel, conservation exhibits, ladies gifts, guided trips, kids exhibits and much more. Government conservation agencies will be on hand to answer your questions about conservation.

According to Kent Hull, a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, and a former four-time Superbowl star with the Buffalo Bills, "I encourage everyone to attend the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo. It will be a fun-filled event as well as raise needed funds for fish and wildlife conservation throughout Mississippi."



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Anyone bringing a can good to the Expo for Wildlife Mississippi's "Hunt Against Hunger" program can receive \$1.00 off of the admission price (limit one per attendee). All can goods will be donated to needy families. Last year, the attendees of the Expo donated over 1,000 can goods to help those in need.

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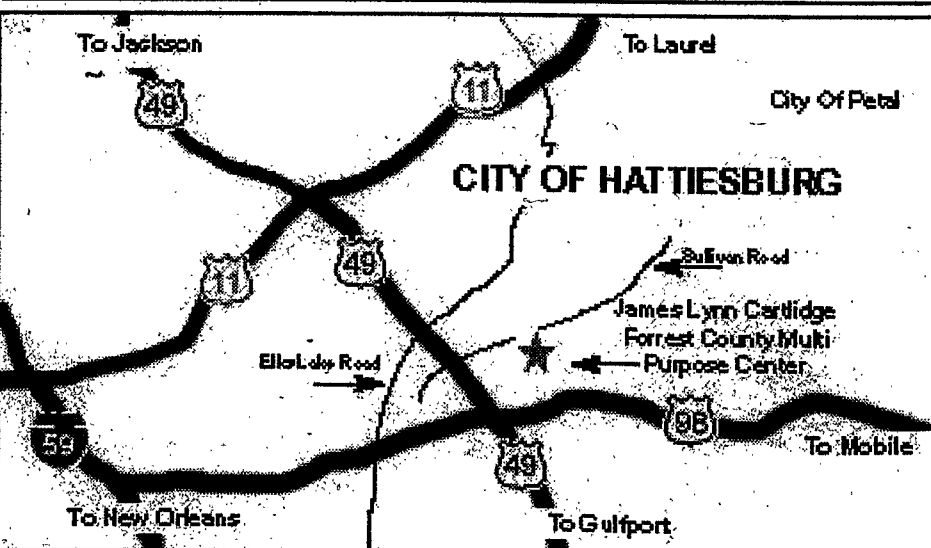
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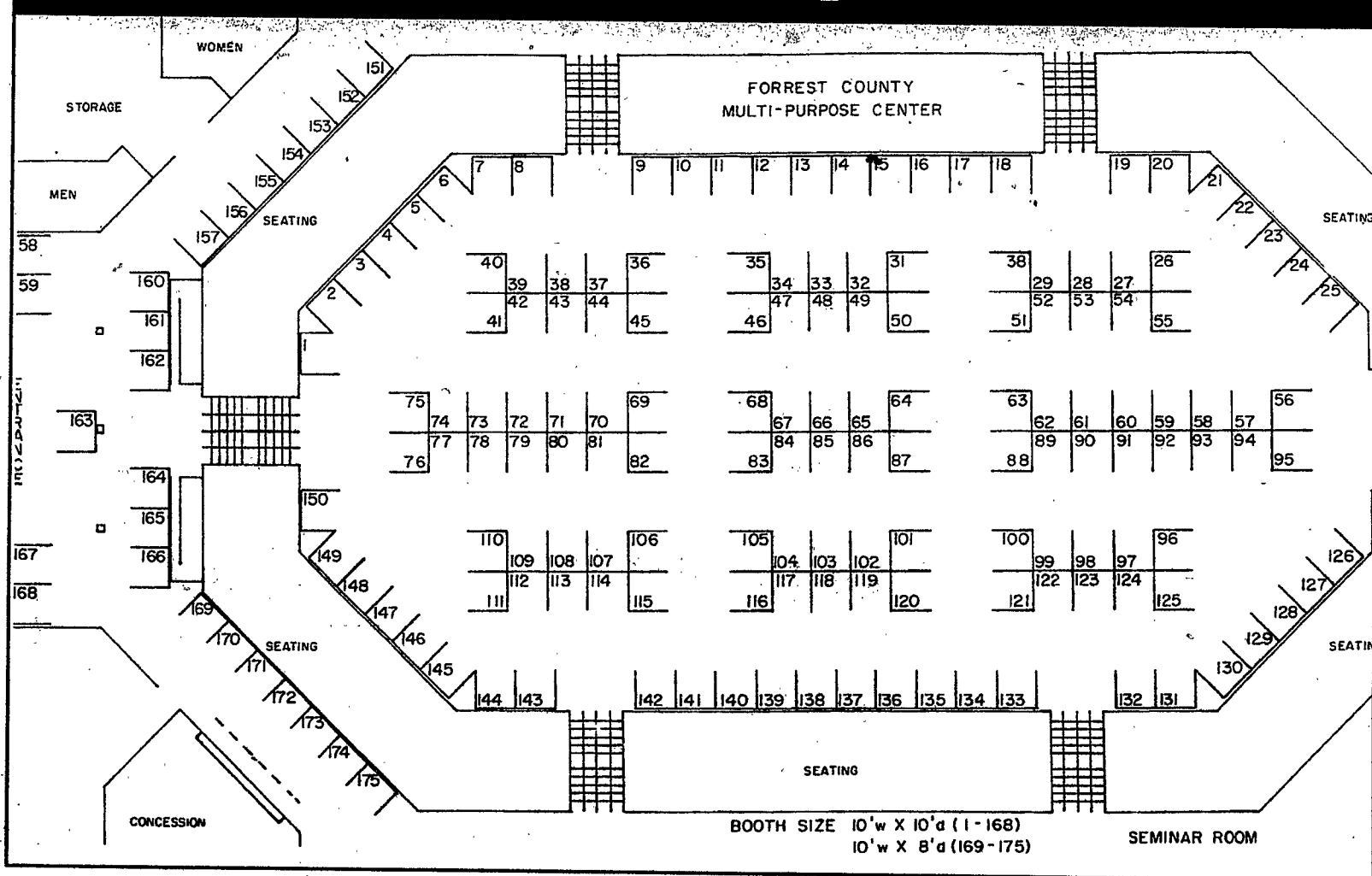
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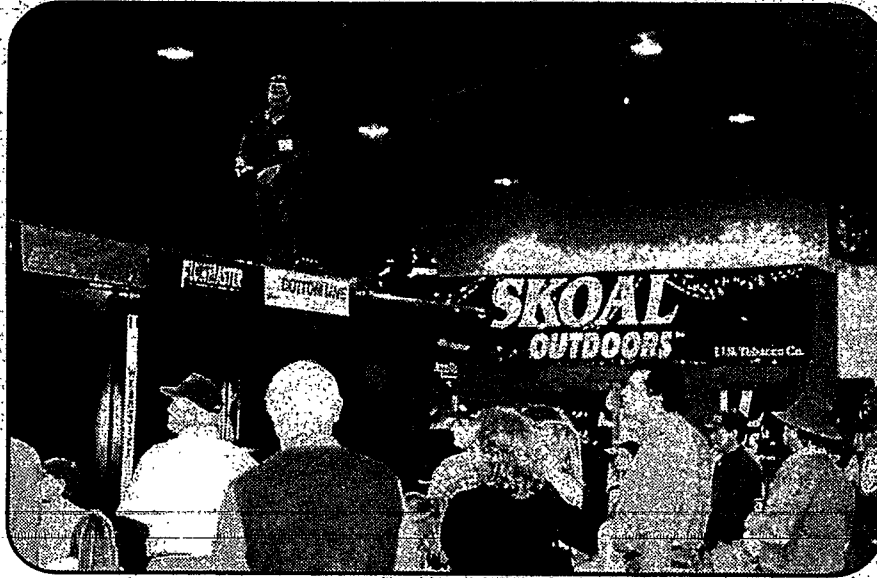
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Michael enjoys presenting talks at shows like the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo.

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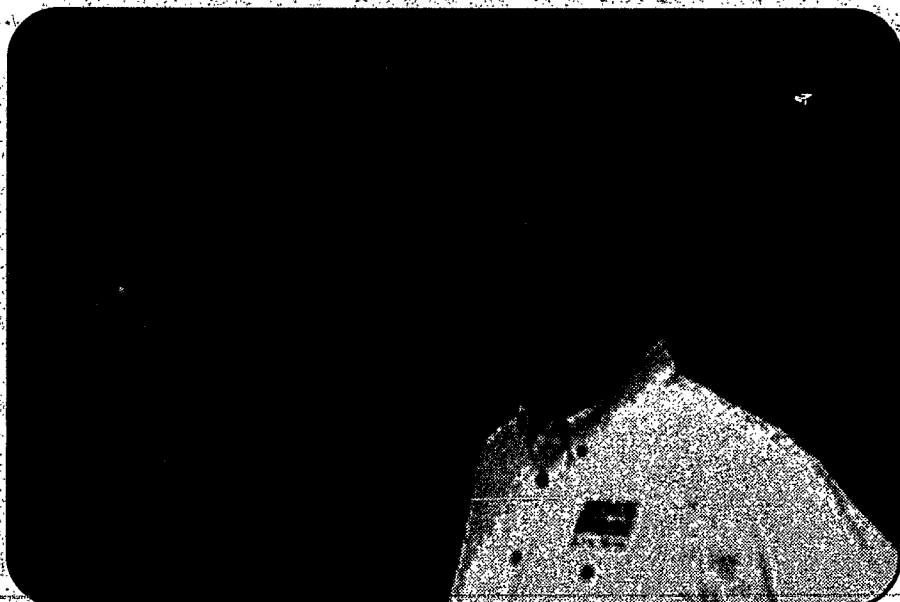
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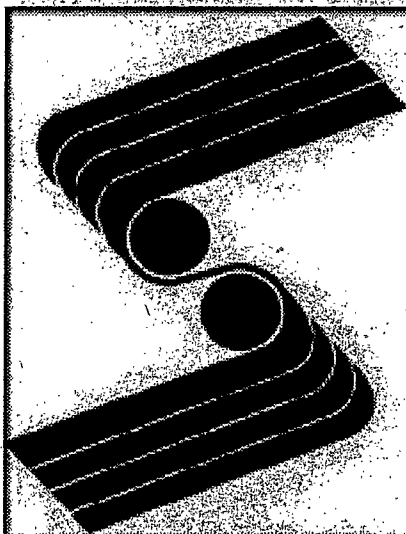
James "Bub" Jackson and Kelly Darden Jr., two of the nation's top hunters, will be at the Expo to talk about "Proven Tactics For Trophy Bucks" and "Deer Calling". Both men have been featured in numerous articles in national magazines like Mossy Oak's *The Country Magazine*, *The Southern Sporting Journal*, *Advantage Outdoors*, *Buckmaster*, *Bassmaster*, *North American Whitetail Magazine* and more. They are often featured in newspapers and on radio programs and have appeared on national television shows like *TNN's Remington Country*.

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The page, www.outfitters.org, covers it all when it comes to Mississippi's vast wildlife resources. Once on the home page visitors can select an area of interest. The site is quick loading and easy to navigate, filled with helpful maps, graphics and stunning wildlife photography. New information is constantly being added to the site, so visit often and watch it grow.

One of the first sites on the page depicts some of the Mississippi's most productive lakes - location of boat ramps, bait and tackle shops, history of the lakes and those hot spots where fish are located. Currently, there are twenty-one maps on the site, including most of the oxbow lakes along the Mississippi River and the state's largest reservoirs.

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Mississippi Outfitters also has information on record deer, record fish, a bird checklist and an Outdoor Writer Service Center. If you need to check the most current stages of the Mississippi River, any of the state's interior rivers or need to know the weather forecast, that is available too.

The site is available world-wide to the internet's 30 million users. The Association has already had inquiries from Australia, Canada, Dominican Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Portugal, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Tremendous potential exists for promotion through this medium. The site has had over 1,000,000 hits since it went on-line February 21, 1997. Mississippi Outfitters is currently receiving approximately 2,500 hits per day.

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The Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, or Wildlife Mississippi as it is commonly called, was founded to conserve, restore and enhance Mississippi's fish, wildlife and plant resources for the enjoyment and enrichment of all Mississippians and its visitors and especially its children and grandchildren.

Wildlife Mississippi's philosophy is based on three basic principles. First, incentives conserve, restore and enhance fish, wildlife and plant habitat on private and public land. Second, conservation can thrive and protect private property rights. Finally, more effective and responsive government policies will enable more on-the-ground conservation to take place. Mississippi needs effective and cost-efficient conservation programs for years to come.

Wildlife Mississippi's approach will work because it depends on: 1) developing cooperative relationships among governments at all levels and with property owners; 2) assuring that resource improvement efforts include scientific integrity, but also cost effectiveness and; 3) setting realistic goals so that improvement programs have credibility with property owners who will be willing to participate.

Wildlife Mississippi's success will not be measured by numbers of members, nor size of staff, nor budget, nor an impressive office building which will never be built. Mississippi's wealth of leadership and overwhelming support and participation of sportsmen, industry, business, farmers, landowners and wildlife enthusiasts will ensure that the

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Below are the program areas of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the progress that has been made to date.

I. Conservation Education

- * Publishing a quarterly magazine titled "Wildlife Mississippi."
- * Hosting the annual Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo.
- * Writing a weekly column titled "Conservation Corner" in more than 70 newspapers.
- * Providing technical assistance on conservation to landowners and communities.
- * Worked with Congressman Chip Pickering and the Congressional Sportsman's Foundation to conduct a workshop on conservation programs of the Farm Bill.
- * Sponsored a workshop on conservation easements.
- * Worked with Congressman Bennie Thompson and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to conduct a workshop on conservation programs for limited resource farmers.
- * Writing a handbook titled "Fish and Wildlife Management: A Handbook For Private Landowners."
- * Publishing 5 brochures titled: Conservation Easements, The Tax Consequences Of The Wetland Reserve Program, Supplemental Plantings For Wildlife, Estate Tax Exemptions Utilizing Conservation Easements and Farm Pond Management.

II. Fisheries Management and Water Quality

- * Working with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to develop a 250 acre lake.
- * Executive Director Chairing the Funding Committee for the Mississippi's Scenic Rivers and Streams Program.
- * Working with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to improve boating access.
- * Promoting the use of grass filter strips to improve water quality.
- * Promoting boating safety.
- * Working with landowners to restore, enhance and manage farm ponds and abandoned gravel pits.
- * In cooperation with the Mississippi Land Trust, established a perpetual conservation easement on 1,200 acres on six miles of Mississippi River frontage.

III. Migratory Bird and Wetland Habitat

- * Through the Mississippi Partners Project, provided 51 water control structures to 11 landowners to restore 1,020 acres of wetlands (1999) and provided 70 water control structures to 17 landowners to restore 1,439 acres of wetlands (2000).
- * In partnership with Valden Timber Company, provided 291 wood duck boxes and 284 song bird boxes to the Yazoo-Mississippi Levee Board and landowners to provide nesting habitat for diversity of cavity-nesting birds (2000). In partnership with Anderson-Tully Company, provided 280 wood duck boxes and 429 song bird boxes to the Yazoo-Mississippi Levee Board, landowners and 19 wildlife management areas, state parks, state lakes and national forests to provide nesting habitat for a diversity of cavity-nesting birds (2001).
- * In cooperation with Wildlife Services, provided 6 Clemson Beaver Pond Levelers to 5 landowners to restore 114 acres of wetlands.
- * In partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, restored 767 acres of wetlands (1999) and 317 acres of wetlands (2000) for a diversity of wildlife.
- * Providing technical assistance on migratory bird and wetland habitat to landowners.
- * Sponsored a celebration marking 100,000 acres of wetlands restored in Mississippi. Mississippi ranks #1 in the nation in "net gain" in wetlands and #2 in the nation in overall acres enrolled.
- * Worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Office of the Governor to obtain an additional 320 acres for St. Catherine's Creek National Wildlife Refuge.
- * Worked with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the Office of the Governor to obtain 773 acres for Sky Lake Wildlife Management Area.
- * In cooperation with the Mississippi Land Trust, established a perpetual conservation easement on 189 acres of bottomland hardwoods.
- * Executive Director Chairing the Board for the North American Waterfowl Federation.
- * Restored a 250 acre parcel of land along the Pearl River.

IV. Outdoor Recreation and Parks

- * In cooperation with The Buckhouse, provided 3 physically challenged shooting houses on 1 national wildlife refuge and 2 wildlife management areas.
- * Working to continue allowing the top-sowing of wheat for dove hunting.

- * Donated over 1,750 can goods to needy families as part of the Foundation's "Hunt Against Hunger" program.
- * Developing a checklist of Mississippi birds for birdwatching.
- * Worked to extend the ending date of the 1999/00 and 2000/01 duck season to late January.
- * Provided 50 decoy deer to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to help curtail the poaching of deer.
- * Promoting increased attendance at state parks in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks through a free truck give away.

V. Rare and Declining Species

- * Working with a coalition of conservation groups to reauthorize the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program to cost-share with landowners to provide habitat for rare and declining species in the 2002 Farm Bill.
- * Developing a program to improve populations for rare and declining species while respecting property rights.
- * In partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, restored 2,217 acres of bottomland hardwoods (1999), 2,698 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2000) and 2,060 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2001) that will provide habitat for rare and declining species, such as the Louisiana Black Bear.
- * Provided four solar-powered electric fencing units to USDA Wildlife Services to solve potential conflicts with black bear and bee hive owners.

VI. Wildlife Habitat

- * In partnership with Fratesi Nursery, planted approximately 14,000 tree seedlings on 46 acres with 27 landowners.
- * In partnership with Environmental Synergy and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, worked to reforest bottomland hardwoods on 490 acres on 2 wildlife management areas as a carbon sequestration project.
- * In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, restored 500 acres of bottomland hardwoods with 1 landowner.
- * In partnership with Delta View Nursery and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, planted over 200,000 tree seedlings on 3 wildlife management areas, 3 state parks and around 3 state lakes.
- * Developing a Wildlife Habitat Seed Program for public and private lands. In 1999, provided low-cost seed to landowners to plant 9,351 acres of food plots. In 2000, provided low-cost seed to landowners to plant 13,767 acres of food plots and donated seed to one National Wildlife Refuge to plant 100 acres of food plots.
- * In partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, restored 2,217 acres of bottomland hardwoods (1999), 2,698 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2000) and 2,060 acres of bottomland hardwoods (2001) for a diversity of wildlife.
- * Established a conservation easement on 175 acres called the Wrenwoode Natural Area in cooperation with the Presbyterian Church and the Catholic Church.
- * Providing technical assistance to landowners to improve wildlife habitat.

VII. Conservation Policy

- * Working with Congressmen Ronnie Shows, Chip Pickering, Bennie Thompson and Roger Wicker, as well as Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, The Nature Conservancy and the National Cattleman's Beef Association, to develop a Grasslands Reserve Program. The proposed program will compensate landowners for restoring native grasses.
- * Worked with Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott to fund an additional 100,000 acres of wetland restoration through the Wetland Reserve Program.
- * Working with Congressman Chip Pickering to develop a federal income tax credit program to enhance and restore upland, wetland, threatened and endangered species and fisheries habitat through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- * Working to develop a "Debt For Conservation Program" with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- * Chairing the Wildlife Subcommittee of the State Technical Committee of the Natural Resource Conservation Service which develops state-wide rules for the Conservation Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wetland Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program.

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Vandeventer To Show, Discuss Snakes



Terry Vandeventer's snake demonstration is always a big hit.

Due to popular demand, Terry Vandeventer, a professional herpetologist, will be back at the Expo each day with his live reptiles and snakes. His demonstration and lectures were a big hit with everyone last year, even those that don't like snakes.

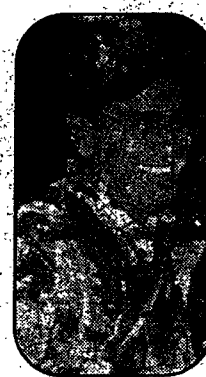


His live snake demonstrations are very popular.

Vandeventer has hunted and studied reptiles throughout the United States, as well as the world. His live snake and reptile demonstrations are seen by over 70,000 people each year.

He will be showing snakes native to Mississippi, including poisonous ones. He will discuss their life histories, habits and their effects on people, good and bad. If you missed it last year, here's your chance!

Melvin Tingle To Sign Autographs



Melvin Tingle of Mississippi Outdoors.

Melvin Tingle of the famed *Mississippi Outdoors* television show, a production of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and Mississippi Educational Television will be at the Expo on Saturday, August 25, to sign autographs.

Melvin has been involved in promoting the conservation of Mississippi's fish and wildlife resources for over 30 years. So, come on out to the Expo and meet the star of *Mississippi Outdoors*.

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Whitetail Collection To Appear at Expo



James "Bub" Jackson and Kelly Darden, Jr. with the Virginia Whitetail Collection.

One of the top attractions at the Expo will be the Virginia Whitetail Collection. It was founded twelve years ago and has grown to one of the largest traveling collections of trophy whitetail deer, wild turkey and black bear in existence today.

According to Doug Rithmire, Show Coordinator for the Georgia Wildlife Federation, "The Virginia Whitetail Collection is one of the best collections of deer available."

It was developed by James "Bub" Jackson and Kelly Darden Jr., two of the nation's top hunters. A chance meeting at an outdoor show brought these two hunters together for the first time. Their partnership blossomed as each contributed to the nationally recognized Virginia Whitetail Collection, creating one of the country's largest private collections of big game trophies. Now they tour the nation where upwards of 200,000 sportsmen view the collection annually and listen to stories and receive pointers from these two expert hunters. Separately, both men have received accolades and honors and have numerous achievements to their credit.

Kelly Darden, Jr. was born and raised in North Carolina and experienced a childhood filled with outdoor adventure. Similar to South Mississippi, black water streams and rivers, crashing surf, deep pine forests and hidden swamps allowed Darden to learn at an early age how to hunt, fish and enjoy the outdoors. Darden serves as an advisor to national companies like Parker Compound Bows, Scent-Lok, Mossy Oak and API Outdoors.

His partner, James "Bub" Jackson, is also a top expert in the field. In fact, Jackson is the founder of the Virginia Whitetail Collection. Thirteen years ago, Jackson began touring with his private collection of bear, deer, turkey and other animals. Jackson, who hails from Williamsburg, Virginia, has a similar background in hunting to Darden. A youth spent in the outdoors, he learned from his father the finer points hunting, fishing and the outdoors. Millions have seen Jackson on television shows like Call of the Outdoors, Gone Fishin' and more. Well known in hunting circles, Jackson has hunted with celebrities and entertainers.

Fishing Pro Monk To Hold Q and A



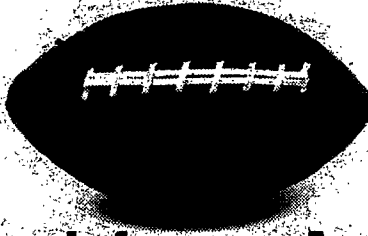
Wayne Monk of Mississippi Outdoors.

Wayne Monk, the fishing pro with Mississippi Outdoors will be at the Expo to conduct a question and answer session on both saltwater and freshwater fishing.

Monk has spent thousands of hours fishing throughout South Mississippi and in the Gulf of Mexico.

Monk's vast fishing experience will enable him to provide the answers to your most difficult questions. His love of fishing and ability to share it has brought him much respect.

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Fan's Guide to Southern Miss Football
First issue: Thursday, August 30

Southern Miss fans turn to the *Hattiesburg American's* Game Day for all of their Southern Miss football information. This year, the section will be packaged with the popular weekly Entertainment Guide the Thursday before every Southern Miss game*. This will give you an opportunity to plan your game day festivities! Game Day will also be available at all Golden Eagle home games!

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World-Renowned Chair Maker To Appear

Greg Harkins, a chair maker who uses techniques passed down from the mid 1800s, will be at the Expo. He has over 20 years of experience under his belt. A graduate of Mississippi State University, Harkins is on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Craftsman's Guild.

Harkins has preserved a once dying craft by hand turning parts and using techniques to make extremely durable and fine quality chairs. Each piece is dated and hand-signed by Greg and guaranteed for life. He hand picks each tree for lumber sawed to his specifications. Each chair takes approximately 25 hours to construct. The backs and bottoms of each chair are woven by hand. Harkins is world-renowned for his craft. His creations are in 20 countries and the homes of many former presidents, including Presidents Bill Clinton, George Bush, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter. Paul Harvey, Bob Hope, George Burns, Pope John Paul II, John Glenn and many others also have his chairs.

This year Greg is working on a new line of "natural" furniture made from hickory, which are selected for their particular shapes and burls. Each piece is hand stripped and chair bottoms are covered from the bark from the same tree.

Greg's work has been exhibited at the LeMoyné Center for Visual Arts in Tallahassee, Florida; Kohler Art Institute in Sheboygan, Wisconsin; and the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson, Mississippi. Greg is also a cook and at the Expo he will share his cooking secrets of "Preparing Venison Sausage." Greg has generously donated one of these fine chairs for a door prize to be won by a lucky attendee of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo!

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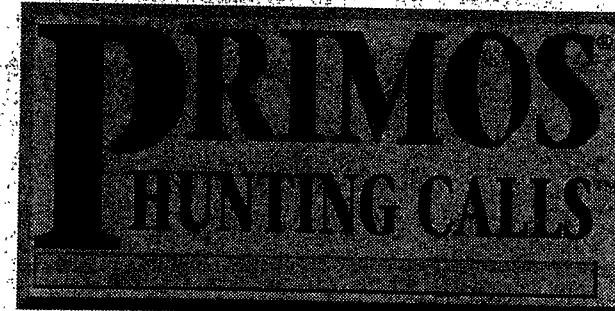
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Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo Seminar Series

- Friday, August 24**
- 3:00 Show Opens
 - 4:00 Preparing Venison Sausage w/Greg Harkins
 - 5:00 Falconry w/the Mississippi Falconers Association
 - 6:00 Reptiles and Snakes of Mississippi w/Terry Vandeverter
 - 7:00 Early Season Bowhunting w/Kelly Darden and James Jackson
 - 8:00 Bait and Trick Casting at the Skoal Outdoors Bass Tub
 - 9:00 Show Closes
- Saturday, August 25**
- 10:00 Show Opens
 - 11:00 Preparing Venison Sausage w/Greg Harkins
 - 12:00 Bait and Trick Casting at The Bass Tub
 - 1:00 Early Season Bowhunting w/Kelly Darden and James Jackson
 - 2:00 Proven Tactics For Trophy Bucks w/Ken Reeves of Primos Hunting Calls
 - 3:00 Reptiles and Snakes of Mississippi w/Terry Vandeverter
 - 4:00 Autograph Signing w/Melvin Tingle of Mississippi Outdoors
 - 5:00 Falconry w/the Mississippi Falconers Association
 - 6:00 Fishing Q & A w/Mississippi Outdoors Fishing Pro Wayne Monk
 - 7:00 Bait and Trick Casting at The Skoal Outdoors Bass Tub
 - 8:00 Show Closes
- Sunday, August 26**
- 12:00 Show Opens
 - 1:00 Deer Calling w/Ken Reeves of Primos Hunting Calls
 - 2:00 Reptiles and Snakes of Mississippi w/Terry Vandeverter
 - 3:00 Falconry w/the Mississippi Falconers Association
 - 4:00 Bait and Trick Casting at The Skoal Outdoors Bass Tub
 - 5:00 Show Closes Until 2002!



Mississippi Land Trust Preserves State Land

To further the conservation mission of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the organization's Board of Trustees recently formed the Mississippi Land Trust. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and all contributions are deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

The Mississippi Land Trust is intended to help Mississippi landowners understand one of the most flexible and effective means available to conserve and protect private property - the conservation easement.

A conservation easement is a legal agreement that ensures a property will be managed according to the landowner's wishes for years into the future and may also qualify the landowner for significant tax benefits. Every conservation easement document is individually crafted and reflects the special qualities of the land protected and the needs of the landowner. Conservation easements can assist landowners in protecting their farm land, wildlife habitat, a scenic area or historic buildings.

Specifically, a conservation easement is a restriction landowners voluntarily place on specified uses of their property to protect natural, productive or cultural features. A conservation easement is recorded as a written legal agreement between the landowner and the "holder" of the easement, which may be a nonprofit conservation organization such as the Mississippi Land Trust. With a conservation easement the landowner retains legal title to the property and determines the types of land uses to continue and those to restrict.

For more information on the Mississippi Land Trust and/or conservation easements, write Mississippi Land Trust, P.O. Box 23, Stoneville, MS 38776.

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The membership of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, or Wildlife Mississippi as it is commonly called, has made a strong commitment toward the future of fish and wildlife conservation throughout Mississippi.

According to Leila Wynn, President of Wildlife Mississippi, "With additional members, the Foundation will enhance programs that will develop more habitat for wildlife, construct more structures for fish and improve access to those resources we all enjoy."

"You'll witness this commitment each time you see, read or listen to another story about the conservation efforts of Wildlife Mississippi. Our success lies in the strength of the Foundation's story and the people who have helped create it -- its members."

The success and achievements of Wildlife Mississippi will be determined by the participation of Mississippians. Contributions from sportsmen, individuals, corporations, foundations and the conservation community are essential to the success of Wildlife Mississippi's conservation initiatives.

These efforts affect the health and well-being of all citizens in Mississippi by improving the quality of life through conserving, restoring and enhancing this great state's fish, wildlife and plant resources. There is nothing of greater significance one can do to enrich the quality of life in Mississippi.

If you would like to join the effort, you can get a membership application by calling (662) 686-3375, by writing the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation at P.O. Box 10, Stoneville, MS 38776 or by logging onto the Foundation's web site at www.wildlifemiss.org.



Providing physically-challenged shooting houses to public hunting areas is just one of the many programs of Wildlife Mississippi.

Special Things For Ladies and Kids

This year there will be several new exhibitors that will interest the many ladies and kids that attend the Expo. Fine gifts and decorative accessories will be available from several vendors. Blowguns will again be obtainable for the young and young at heart. And the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will provide the B-B shooting gallery. Then again, maybe it should be listed as adult entertainment!

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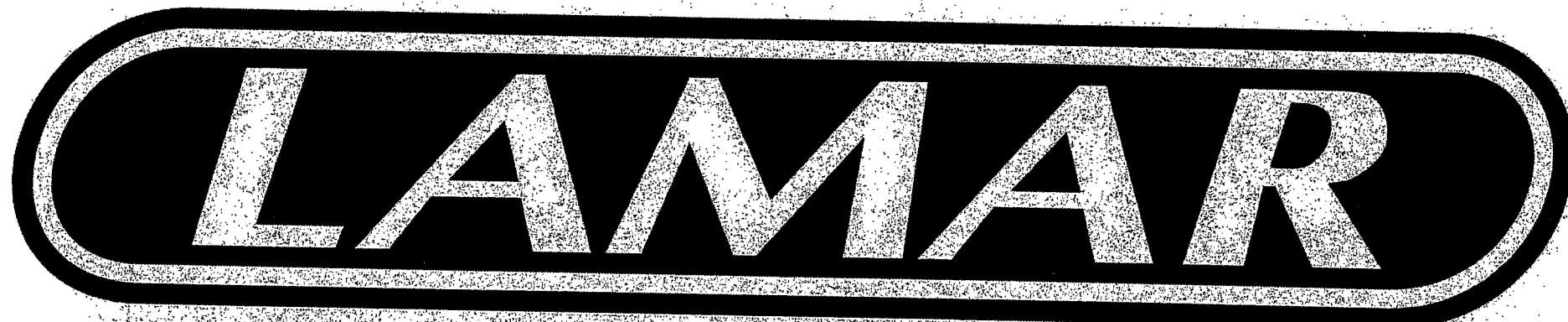
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The Bowhunter Challenge is a hands-on, live-fire educational and competition program. The system revolves around the Knight's Wildlife Pop and Walk-Out 3-D Target Bowhunting Simulator which creates a challenging, simulated bowhunting environment for bowhunters of all proficiency levels.

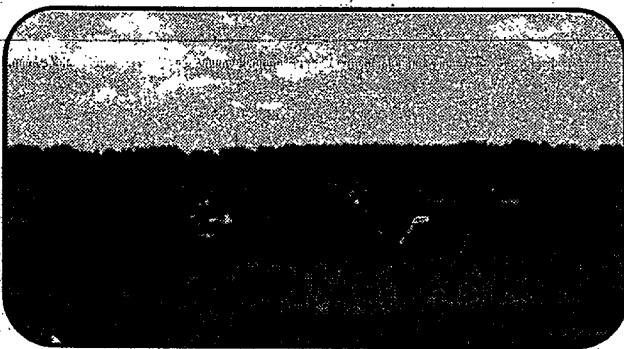
A total of nine stations, plus stationary decoy targets create the Bowhunter Challenge. The shooter never knows which target is coming next or what the distance will be. Its fast, fun, educational and the experience will test any bowhunter's skills.

Compound and traditional shooters are welcome to take the Challenge. All one needs to do is bring his or her bow, arrows and other needed archery equipment needed for shooting. This is a "real woods" bowhunting practice just in time for archery season. The Challenge creates a multitude of situations that bowhunters face.

For the past four years, the Bowhunter Challenge has toured the United States. It has been at the major archery tournaments, bowhunter jamborees, the Ducks Unlimited Great Outdoors Festival, the Bassmasters Classic and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo.

So, take the Challenge and test your bowhunting skills. In addition to plaques, first, second and third place prizes will be awarded and everyone who enters the Challenge will be eligible to win a dream whitetail bowhunt at the famous Wildcat Mountain Lodge in Kentucky and various bowhunting products from top manufacturers. Plus, you'll have a ton of fun and become a better bowhunter.

For more information, go to <http://www.bowhunterchallenge.com>



There will be a variety of targets at the show.

NASCAR Track To Appear At Expo

Now you can experience the thrills, chills and excitement of real stock car racing at the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo!

Imagine your favorite Winston-Cup stock on a banked oval speedway at speeds of over 200 miles per hour. You're in complete control as you head into the high speed banked curve, your left hand gripping the full-size steering wheel, your right hand on the shifter, your heart pounding as you go into turn three with your throttle wide open - when all of a sudden it happens - the car behind you taps you from behind as he tries to nose to the inside - sending your car spinning up the track, out of control.

It is this kind of realism that Micro-Reality stock car racing offers. Kids and adults alike will enjoy this hands-on racing excitement.

Test Drive ATVs

Thanks to Arctic cat, a Gold Sponsor of the Expo, attendees will be able to test drive their favorite ATV at the Expo. Whether you plan on purchasing a new ATV or just browsing, you'll want to visit the ATV Test Drive Arena to see the latest model for the ATV enthusiast.

It is no secret that the South Mississippi sells more ATVs than anywhere else in the world. And with that kind of enthusiasm, this year the Expo has dedicated a full arena to 4-Wheelers and other ATVs.

So if you are planning on purchasing a new ATV, don't miss this chance!

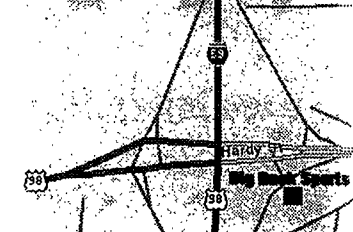
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3 pm - 9 pm
- Saturday, August 25
10 am - 8 pm
- Sunday, August 26
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